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▶ Rick Hansen shows a medal to students yesterday at Rick Hansen Secondary School in Mississauga.

Back in motion

- Rick Hansen launches online contest to find about 7,000 participants for 12,000-km relay, set for this summer, that will retrace portions of 1986 Man in Motion tour
- Hopes to raise $250 million for research into treatment of spinal-cord injuries

Local

Police veteran jailed

- Judge sentences detective convicted of assaulting suspect
- Cop plans to appeal

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Leafs' loss and Sabres' win ends playoff dream once and for all {page 30}

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Future of transit connection uncertain

A transit improvement that's been delayed for years shows what's wrong with city hall, the budget committee chair says.

In exchange for getting their condo project approved, developers agreed in 2003 to pay for a pedestrian connection to the Scarborough Centre RT station. It was never built.

Now the construction cost has doubled — to $1.7 million — and the local councillor wants to spend the developer's money on other items in his ward, the budget committee was told yesterday.

"This is a typical example of how things can go wrong and do go wrong," said the budget chair, Coun. Mike Del Grande.

Developer Monarch Corp. is agreeable to paying the city $850,000. Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker (Ward 38, Scarborough Centre) would like to see that split among other things such as the Scarborough civic centre library, the Scarborough animal centre and the Cliffcrest community centre.

His proposal got a rough ride from the committee. The message such a move would send is that procrastination will be rewarded, because "sooner or later the city will cave in," Coun. John Parker said.

The developer and the TTC are blaming each other for delays.

The issue now goes back to the Scarborough community council April 21.

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▶ Glenn De Baeremaeker

Cop gets jail time for breaking man's arm

Detective was found guilty of assault causing bodily harm

A judge has handed a veteran Toronto detective a 90-day jail term for beating up and breaking the arm of a man in police custody seven years ago.

Christopher Higgins, 41, described by superiors as a role model, was also sentenced to a year's probation by provincial court Justice Lucia Favret in front of 35 of his peers in a Finch Avenue West courtroom yesterday.

The hulking detective showed no emotion, nodding when the judge read out the terms of his probation, which include anger counselling.

In her decision, the judge noted that Higgins is considered a leader among officers.

But she found it an aggravating factor that he was leading a drug investigation when he assaulted Gary Shuparski, 50, then covered it up rather than getting the man the medical attention he urgently required.

He will appeal his conviction and sentence, his lawyer, Alan Gold, said later.

Three hours after he was sentenced, a Superior Court judge, on consent of the Crown, granted him bail pending appeal. He returns to court June 7.

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▶ Toronto police Det. Christopher Higgins arrives at the Ontario Court of Justice for sentencing yesterday.

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Many thought Michael Ignatieff was doomed this election, but 10 days of campaigning changes a lot. More at metronews.ca/spindoctor

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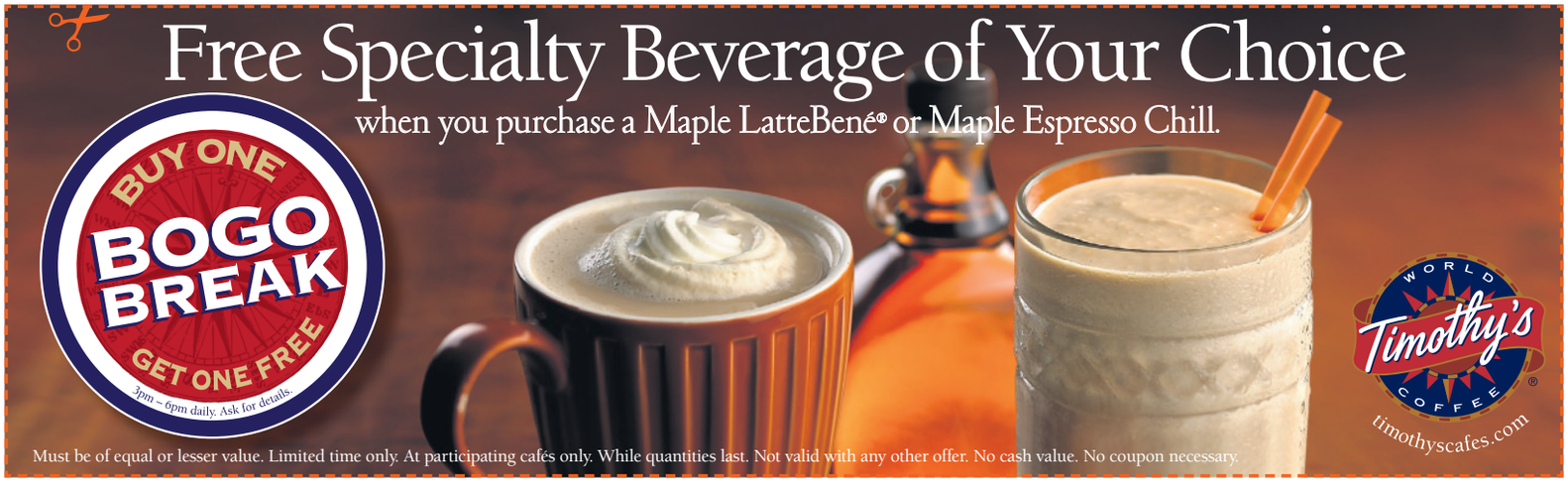

More empty promises for Greater Toronto

Immigrant settlement services face $43 million federal funding cutback in Ontario ◗ $18 million sliced from Toronto alone ◗ Liberals, NDP quiet on cuts

Election 2011

Note to party leaders: Greater Toronto has needs — and you've been ignoring them.

It has potholes, traffic jams, daycare concerns, homeless and poorly housed residents, cutbacks to immigration counseling.

The GTA represents one of every six Canadians. If you want our vote, we need your help.

The GTA is "ground zero" this election, says Myer Siemiatycki, a politics professor at Ryerson University. The Tories need to win more than a dozen GTA ridings to find their holy grail: A majority.

And so they flock to the region. By the second week of campaigning, Stephen Harper had swung a cricket bat in Brampton; Michael Ignatieff had shaken hands in Chinatown; and Jack Layton had visited a Flower Town factory that makes robots for outer space.

They woo with talking points — chocolate-covered cash for post-secondary studies (Liberals), rose-scented tax credits for gym users (Tories). But we're still waiting for a serious proposal.

"There are a lot of ways in which the needs of Toronto have been ignored and overlooked, notwithstanding the significant population here — and the seats up for grab here," Siemiatycki said.

Our snail-paced commute, for example, costs the region's economy $6 billion a year, according to Toronto Board of Trade president Carol Wilding: "There is a direct line between congestion and the cost to our prosperity and our economic performance."

When Ignatieff rode into the Liberal fortress of downtown Toronto Monday, he said transit investment is a chief priority to him.

But he didn't offer his opinion on what kind: Light rail or subways? And he didn't mention Mayor Rob Ford's hunt for $4 billion to pay for his 13-kilometre Sheppard subway extension. Might the feds have something to throw at that?

Sure, that would sound a tad Toronto-centric. Parties must try to win votes in the region without appearing to play favourites, Siemiatycki says.

"It will be interesting to see this kind of balancing act they do."

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Toronto's tale

- **Urban** Toronto is a tale of several cities. The federal investment in Canada's urban centres is essential to the nation's future prosperity, says Berry Vrbanovic, vice-president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).
- **Expire** One-third of the current federal funding for urban centres is about to expire and the FCM says it hasn't heard the party leaders addressing issues that affect cities.
- **Succeed** "For the country to succeed, it needs cities that are innovation and investment hubs," said Vrbanovic.

Thelma. And Louise

▶ Susan Sarandon, left, and Geena Davis

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Coming to Toronto

Thelma and Louise are making a road trip to Toronto. Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon, who played the title characters in the celebrated 1991 film, will participate in an onstage discussion about the movie June 7.

Senior gets to stay in her Beach home of 25 years

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▶ Joyce Tait received a letter last week that the property she was a tenant in was being sold. Here she holds the letter she received in 2001, assuring her that she could remain in her place.

In 2001, Joyce Tait was exempted from having to move due to her age

Toronto Community Housing Corp. officials have had a change of heart in the case of a 79-year-old widow they threatened to evict last week so as to free up her longtime home for sale.

For 25 years, Joyce Tait has been a tenant in a simple 900-square-foot unit on Hubbard Boulevard, just east of Kew Gardens.

Last week, a TCHC official told her the agency planned to sell 22 houses, including hers, to help raise $15.7 million to repair other public housing units.

Tait explained that a decade ago — the last time TCHC debated selling her home — the city agreed she could stay as long as she wanted, owing to her age.

Tait, who pays market rent for the ground-floor unit, was told she could make a deputation at the TCHC board meeting today.

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Thrilled

- **Exhausted** Contacted at her home, Joyce Tait said she was "exhausted" and thrilled. Her son, Jim, spent most of yesterday with his mother fielding media interviews.
- **Stay** "They (TCHC) said my mother was welcome to stay as long as she wanted," he said.

MISSED FLIGHT

Lost passport frenzy at Pearson

Dorothy MacKinnon was frantic when she realized she had lost her passport just three hours before her scheduled flight to Paris from Toronto.

She later found out it had sat at Pearson airport for more than a week, but nobody had tried to contact her.

"Ultimately, it's my fault, I lost my passport," says MacKinnon, 60. "But my beef is if Government of Canada officials are holding it, is there no way to let the passport holder know?"

MacKinnon later learned that despite the emergency contact information on Page 4 of her passport — which would have made her easy to reach — policy is to return the passport to the government, not to her.

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Babies, parents hurt in fire

Two infants were rushed to hospital after an apartment fire in Toronto's west end yesterday morning. The babies and their parents suffered smoke inhalation.

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Man attacked in Parkdale

Parkdale residents are terrified after a sixth attack in the area. Police said yesterday's victim, a 45-year-old man, has no mental health concerns but believe his attacker may be the same suspect. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Social media could make voting 'viral'

Elections Canada hopes young people will use social networking sites to encourage each other to vote

A gap between the day-to-day lives of young adults and the promises spouted by politicians is to blame for the low voter turnout among young Canadians, according to one student trustee.

"In many ways it's a vicious cycle," said Zane Schwartz, a student trustee with the Toronto District School Board. "Because young people don't vote, politicians don't feel a need to include issues that are important to students in their platforms; and because those issues are not (there), young people feel less of a need to vote."

Student Vote, a non-partisan group that partners with Elections Canada, yesterday launched its civic education program to coincide with the country's 41st federal election. It helps schools stage mirror elections to teach students about the democratic process. Schwartz first took part at age 10.

"It explained to me how (politics) directly affect my life," said Schwartz, 17. "For a month, my friends, my entire school, were talking about our local candidates."

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YouVote

- Student Vote schools receive election packages that contain learning materials, electoral district maps, ballots and ballot boxes. Local candidates are invited to participate in debates.
- "We cannot expect 18-year-olds to suddenly, on a (birthday), decide that they are active, aware, knowledgeable, committed and confident citizens," said Taylor Gunn, the chief election officer at Student Vote. "That's not going to happen."

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▶ TDSB student trustee Zane Schwartz speaks yesterday at the launch of Student Vote's civic education program.

Archiving Chinese-Canadians' oral history

The Multicultural History Society of Ontario has launched a new website dedicated to the oral histories of Chinese Canadian women during the exclusion period.

Launched March 31, the website explores the impact of discriminatory immigration legislation during 1923 to 1947, with 33 new interviews conducted across Canada.

"(At MHSO) we say that every cultural tradition that is brought into Ontario becomes part of our common heritage," said Britt Braaten, curator at MHSO.

"I think it's important for not only Chinese-Canadians to know, but all Canadians — regardless of ethno-cultural background."

One participant, Ruth Malloy, is a third-generation Chinese-Canadian and has been involved in many causes against discrimination.

"I hope people will recognize that we are a broad spectrum," said Malloy. "There are many different people who have lived and struggled with the problems of being a minority during this period."

This project has been made possible through the Community Historical Recognition Program, which provides funding for projects that recognize ethno-cultural communities during historical wartime measures and/or immigration restrictions applied in Canada.

KYLA SERGEJEW

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▶A photo from the One Foot Canadian, One Foot Chinese: Family And Community exhibit.

4,000
The MHSO has a collection of nearly 4,000 oral history interviews spanning 55 different ethno-cultural groups. To learn more, visit mhso.ca.

Hanover girl steals YouTube limelight

HANDOUT

▶ Natalie McDonald

An 11-year-old Hanover girl has created her own rap song about why she loves Easter Seals Camp and posted it on YouTube.

Natalie McDonald is hoping people will visit the site and click "like" on her Easter Seals Rap video and so far, almost 900 people have viewed the posting.

Natalie, who suffers from spinal muscular atrophy, a genetic disease that attacks the nerve cells in the spinal cord, has been going to the camp for years.

And although she may be confined to a wheelchair, her spirit is not and she raps about being at the camp for 10 days without her parents and "little bro" and swimming and sailing.

Her mother, Christina McDonald, says the camp is the one place where disabled children can go to forget about their challenges and focus on having fun and being a kid.

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Man found dead in car

Police say they are still investigating after a man was found dead in a car near Peterborough.

Police say it appears the car went off Kawartha Lakes Road. The man has been identified as Jonathan Bujold, 19, of Lindsay.

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Driver injured after crash

Police say two trucks collided yesterday on Highway 407 in Vaughan. The driver of a garbage truck involved had to be extricated from the vehicle and is in critical condition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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No May-bes: She's off TV

Elizabeth May loses bid to join leaders' debates But Greens fight on

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▶ Green party Leader Elizabeth May says she will appeal to Canadians to put pressure on the other party leaders and the TV consortium in an effort to change their minds.

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Elizabeth May has been thwarted in her last-ditch effort to convince the courts to give her a podium at next week's televised leaders' debates.

But the Green party leader is not giving up yet.

Federal Court judge Marc Nadon refused yesterday to make an emergency ruling on the case before the debates get underway. The short period of time wouldn't have allowed the court "to perform its duty in a satisfactory manner," Nadon said.

It was a body blow for the Greens, who received a major blast of publicity when May participated in the debates during the 2008 federal election.

The Greens will pursue the matter in the Federal Court of Appeal, even though the case can't be heard before the debates, May said.

But she will also be talking to her lawyer about whether there are "any legal avenues" that would allow the Greens to have the matter heard in court before then.

The consortium that runs the debates insists only parties with seats in the last House of Commons can participate.

The English-language debate is April 12. The French-language debate will take place April 14.

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Harper's style not pretty, says Layton

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▶ Jack Layton laughs at the antics of kids in Winnipeg.

Jack Layton took aim yesterday at Harper government scandals.

The NDP leader provided a laundry list of alleged Conservative misdeeds, including the latest revelation that Stephen Harper hired a senior adviser who had five fraud convictions.

The prime minister says he knew Bruce Carson had one conviction, but not others.

Layton said he doesn't believe Harper and he claimed most Canadians don't, either.

He said in Winnipeg: "Canadians are right to be asking, 'If Mr. Harper wins this election, how long will it be until the next Conservative insider is charged with fraud?'"

And just to emphasize the point, he repeated his entire condemnation in French rather than alternating between languages as he does most often.

The barring of opponents from Tory rallies and tight background checks on those who do get in are the "signs of a closed, controlling approach," Layton said.

"I think it says something about Stephen Harper and his administration, and it's not pretty," he added.

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WHO WILL BE PM?

Iggy tells Quebec: You choose

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is asking Quebec voters to determine who will be the next prime minister.

Ignatieff travelled to separatist Bloc Québécois territory in central Quebec yesterday in pursuit of his bid to unseat Stephen Harper's Tories.

The Liberal leader has been casting the May 2 election as a two-horse race, a fact of life he says Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe has accepted.

Duceppe has noted that either Harper or Ignatieff would occupy 24 Sussex Drive.

"Even Mr. Duceppe understands that," Ignatieff said. "So what we've got to say to Quebecers is, you've got to choose here, folks."

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Tears flow as women ejected from Tory event

Two women were ejected from a Conservative event for perceived ties to the Liberals — a move Michael Ignatieff calls "un-Canadian."

The Liberal leader cites an incident Sunday in which the women were ordered to leave a Tory event in London.

One woman, a 19-year-old student, broke into tears after she and her friend were forced out of a rally by an official, who then ripped off their name tags and tore them, a newspaper said.

The official claimed to know via Facebook that the pair had links to the Liberals.

Another newspaper cited an incident in which a volunteer who helps homeless veterans was turned away from a Harper rally in Dartmouth, N.S.

When asked about the incidents, Harper appeared to lay the blame at the feet of his campaign workers.

"Staff runs our campaigns and I can't comment on individual matters like that," he said in Quebec.

"Hundreds and hundreds of people are coming to see our campaign."

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper tries maple taffy yesterday at a Quebec sugar shack.

Tight reins

- It's not the first time the tightly-scripted Tory campaign has come under fire.
- Reporters are restricted to five questions per day.
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Gadhafi troops hide with civilians, stifle NATO efforts

Rebel forces say NATO takes hours to respond **Some NATO air strike missions return with their bombs**

A rebel military leader lashed out at NATO yesterday, saying it was falling short in its mission to protect Libyan civilians. The alliance said ruler Moammar Gadhafi's forces position heavy weapons in populated areas, preventing some airstrikes.

Abdel-Fattah Younis, chief of staff for the rebel military and Gadhafi's former interior minister, said he was asking the opposition's leadership council to take their grievances to the UN Security Council, which authorized the use of force in Libya to stop Gadhafi from wiping out the uprising that began Feb. 15.

NATO forces "don't do anything" even though the United Nations gave them the right to act, Younis said. He complained that NATO could take eight hours to respond to events on the battlefield.

"Children are dying every day and women and men are dying every day from shelling. If NATO waited another week, that will be the end of Misrata. There won't be anyone left."
ABDEL-FATTAH YOUNIS, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE REBEL MILITARY AND MOAMMAR GADHAFI'S FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER

"The people will die and this crime will be on the face of the international community forever. What is NATO doing?" Younis said.

NATO last week took control over the international air strikes that began March 19 as a U.S.-led mission. The air raids, authorized by a UN resolution to stop Gadhafi from attacking civilians, began March 19 as a U.S.-led mission, but NATO took control last week.

Brig.-Gen. Mark Van Uhm of NATO said yesterday that air strikes have so far destroyed 30 per cent of Gadhafi's military capacity.

On Monday, the alliance said it carried out 14 attacks on ground targets across the country, destroying radars, munitions dumps, armoured vehicles and a rocket launcher.

Three-quarters of Monday's scheduled strike missions, however, had to return without dropping their bombs or launching their missiles because Gadhafi loyalists made it more difficult for pilots to distinguish between civilians and regime troops, Van Uhm said.

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▶ UNHCR goodwill ambassador Angelina Jolie travelled to the Tunisian-Libyan border yesterday to urge greater international support for people fleeing fighting in Libya.

Ivory Coast leader refuses to leave office

Ivory Coast's strongman leader Laurent Gbagbo holed up in a bunker inside the presidential residence yesterday, defiantly maintaining he won the election four months ago even as troops backing the internationally recognized winner encircled the home.

Gbagbo's comments by telephone to France's LCI television came as French officials said he was negotiating his departure terms after French and UN forces launched a military offensive Monday. Democratically elected leader Alassane Ouattara has urged his supporters to take Gbagbo alive.

Talks about Gbagbo's departure terms were ongoing last night directly between Gbagbo and Ouattara, according to a diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Choi Young-jin, the UN's top envoy in Ivory Coast, said Gbagbo was in discussions about where he would go, possibly suggesting the strongman may be willing to step down after more than a decade in power.

France's foreign minister said Gbagbo would be required to relinquish power in writing, and must formally recognize Ouattara the internationally backed winner of the November election.

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▶ Laurent Gbagbo

Gbagbo's position

- Laurent Gbagbo showed no intention of leaving, declaring in his interview with French television, that Alassane Ouattara "did not win the elections" even though he was declared the victor by the UN, African Union, United States, former colonial power France and other world leaders.

Seven arrested after rushing Libyan Embassy

Police were called in yesterday after a small group pushed its way into the Libyan Embassy in Ottawa and started causing damage, said RCMP Sgt. Marc Menard.

"The embassy officials opened the door and they pushed their way through and started damaging property," Menard said.

Charges are pending.

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Japan: Fishing devastated

Japan has set a radiation limit for fish for the first time.

Radioactive water gushing into the Pacific Ocean from a crippled nuclear plant could cost them their livelihoods.

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▶ Japanese fishermen.

3 Yemeni tribesmen killed

Tribesmen loyal to Yemen's embattled president clashed with a group of soldiers yesterday whose commander has sided with the opposition, and the fighting in a suburb of the capital Sanaa left three tribesmen dead, according to tribal elders and military officials.

It was the latest violence in weeks of turmoil in Yemen, where President Ali Abdullah Saleh's military and police forces have cracked down on protesters demanding he step down after 32 years in power. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ballad of a rebel in China

Bob Dylan to play Beijing amidst repression of dissent

Of all the musicians in the world who might be approved by the Chinese government to perform in China at this moment — amidst a crackdown on free speech advocates — you would think Bob Dylan would be dead last.

The rebel icon, whose youthful songs inspired many during China's 1989 Tiananmen protests, seems the unlikeliest person Beijing would provide a platform for. But today, Dylan will stride on to a Chinese stage for the first time in his life, with official approval from the ministry of culture. But there is a catch: Those in the know say there is a playlist from which Dylan cannot waver.

"It could be that people in the cultural ministry didn't know anything about Dylan."
BEIJING PROF. TENG JIMENG

Prof. Teng Jimeng doubts that Hurricane, Dylan's ballad about the illegal jailing of Rubin (Hurricane) Carter, will be among them, as the arrest of China's famous artist Ai Weiwei is only days old. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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▶ Bob Dylan performs onstage during the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in February, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

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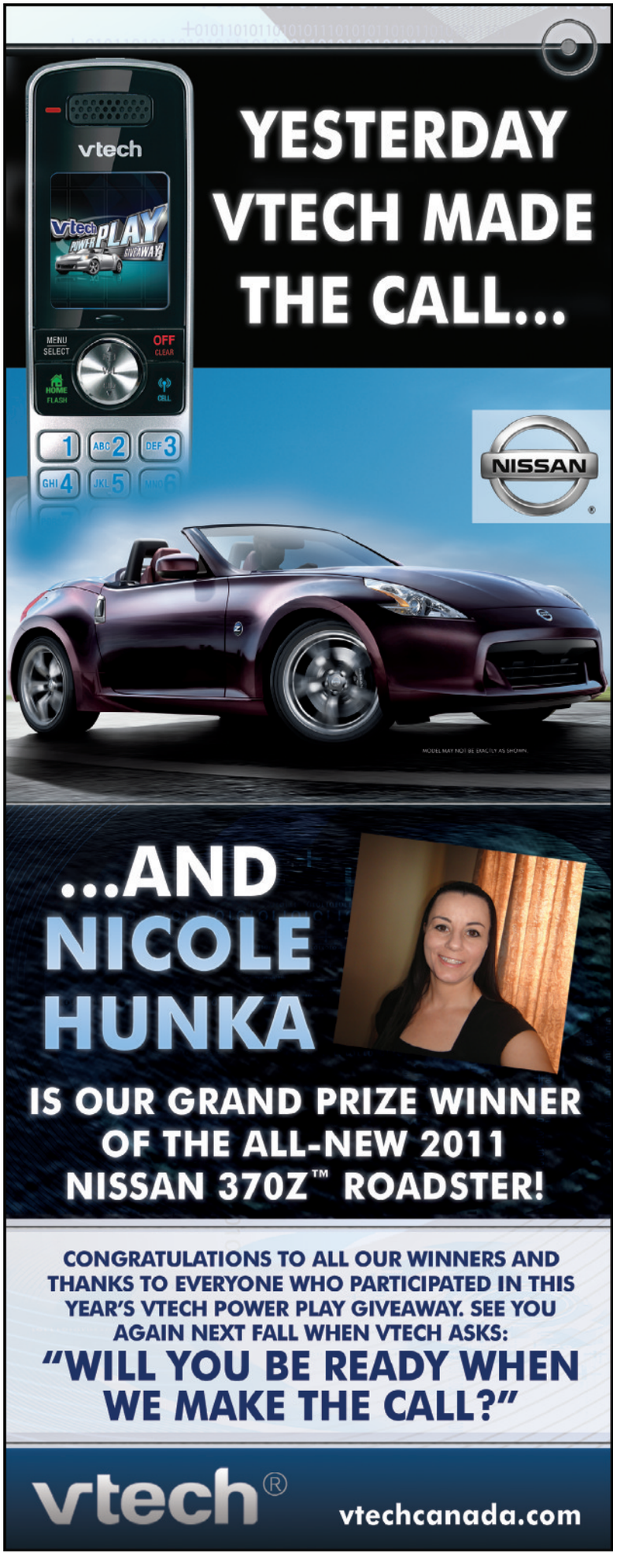

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▶ Moroccan-born Karima el-Mahroug, nicknamed "Ruby," attends the traditional Vienna Opera Ball in March in Vienna, Austria.

Trial could end Italian leader's political career

▶ Prosecutors allege Berlusconi paid for sex 13 times with 'Ruby' ▶ Premier's popularity in steady decline: Poll

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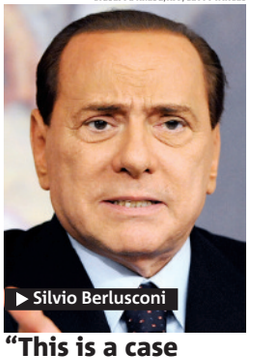

▶ Silvio Berlusconi

"This is a case which is difficult to sustain in court."
BOLOGNA POLITICAL SCIENCE PROF. CARLO GUARNIERI

Aspiring Italian starlets and Oscar-winning actor George Clooney are being called to make appearances in Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's trial on charges he paid for sex with an underage prostitute, then tried to use his influence to cover it up.

Unlike Berlusconi's other trials, today's court appearance puts the prime minister's personal life under scrutiny, and a conviction could end his political career. TV crews from around the world will be on hand for the opening session — even though Berlusconi himself is not attending.

"This time it is not about offshore, secret accounts and tax havens but about sex, money and power," the Turin-daily La Stampa wrote this week.

Berlusconi is skipping today's session, citing earlier commitments to attend ceremonies marking the two-year anniversary of an earthquake in central Italy that killed more than 300 people.

Even without his presence, media interest is feverish, and the Milan court overseeing the trial is holding the opening session — reserved mainly for formalities like setting future trial dates — in an auditorium usually used for ceremonial occasions in order to accommodate media.

Outside, Berlusconi supporters have pledged to maintain a vigil on a traffic island opposite the courthouse where dozens have gathered for recent hearings in three other pending Berlusconi cases, all involving corruption and fraud allegations.

The left-leaning opposition, meanwhile, are planning their own anti-Berlusconi demonstration nearby for the trial's opening.

In Rome, Berlusconi critics plan an all-night vigil against what they say is the prime minister's attack on democracy.

Prosecutors allege Berlusconi paid a 17-year-old Moroccan girl known by her nickname Ruby for sex at his villa, then personally called police to have her released from custody when she was picked up for theft out of concern that she would reveal their relationship

Both the 74-year-old prime minister and Ruby, whose real name is Karima el-Mahroug, have each separately denied having sex.

The underage prostitution charge carries a possible prison term of six months to three years. The abuse of power charge is even more dangerous: It carries a sentence of four to 12 years, and if Berlusconi is sentenced to more than five, he would be barred from ever again holding public office.

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Canal killer jailed for life

Misogynist dumped women in London, Rotterdam waterways Police fear more victims

A violent, obsessive misogynist who murdered two women, dismembered their bodies and dumped them in canals in London and the Netherlands was jailed for life yesterday.

John Sweeney, 54, was sentenced to life without parole for the gruesome slayings, while police warned that even more women may have been killed. Sweeney refused to attend his hearing, but Justice John Saunders told London's Central Criminal Court that the murders were "terrible, wicked crimes."

"Why the killings occurred, I cannot be sure, but I am satisfied that this defendant is controlling in his relationships with women and, chillingly, that control extends to deciding whether they should live or die," Saunders said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ John Sweeney

Northern districts of Bangladesh devastated by tropical storm

News reports say tropical storms that tore through parts of Bangladesh have killed 13 people and injured about 100.

Dhaka's Prothom Alo newspaper and private television station Desh TV are reporting that the rainstorms hit six northern districts late Monday, levelling hundreds of mostly mud-and-thatched houses and leaving several thousand people homeless.

According to yesterday's reports, rescuers pulled out 13 bodies, including those of children, from the debris of collapsed houses and trees.

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Tropical storms are common in Bangladesh, a delta nation of 150 million people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No more 'dream home' for many Toronto buyers

Prudence rules the day as high prices, rising mortgage rates see people spending within their means

First-time homebuyers looking to avoid higher interest rates and tighter mortgage rules have helped to prop up the real estate market.

But higher house prices mean many homeseekers have had to lower their sights when it comes to owning their dream home.

"Many purchasers are scaling back on expectations or are willing to sacrifice location, quality or size," Michael Polzler, executive vice-president of Re-Max Ontario-Atlantic Canada, said in a report released yesterday.

The spring real estate market in Toronto saw sales down by 11 per cent last month compared to a year ago, according to a separate report released yesterday by the Toronto Real Estate Board.

However, it was still the second-best March on the books, with 9,262 transactions, compared to a record 10,430 in March 2010.

The Bank of Canada's low benchmark rate of one per cent has been a boon to the real estate market. But the cheap money environment is not expected to last. This week many of Canada's major banks raised their mortgage rates.

On a brighter note, analysts say they do not see major increases in home prices down the road, so buyers will have more time to shop for the right home.

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March market

- **The average Toronto** selling price for March was up five per cent to $456,147.
- **The strongest annual price** growth was in the semi-detached and condominium segment, both up seven per cent.
- **Across the GTA, active** listings are down 11 per cent compared to a year ago, meaning there are fewer houses for sale.
- **It took an average of 23** days to sell a home last month compared to 20 the previous year.
- **About 63 per cent of** condos sell for less than $300,000, making them the first step in home ownership in Toronto.

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If you're tired of saving the whales, why not try saving something completely different?

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Did you know our increasing appetite for frogs' legs alone takes 100 million frogs out of the wild each year?

Or that Atrazine, a pesticide, turns male frogs into female frogs at only 2.5 parts per billion? And it's only one of 18,000 pesticides registered in the U.S.

You name it, it's a threat.

Frogs are hunted for their legs, but also for the pet trade and lab dissections. Bullfrogs, native to the eastern U.S., unfortunately have the meatiest extremities, so they are shipped all over the place. When they escape into the wild, they take over, and are now the alpha frogs in 15 countries, muscling out local species.

Not only that, two-thirds of imported bullfrogs carry the deadly chytrid fungus, which further contributes to the wipeout of local frog populations.

Do I even have to make the case that frogs are cool? Is there a man out there who isn't carrying around an inner boy who used to catch frogs, name them, carry them in their pockets and use them to scare girls?

If that's not cool enough for you, frogs are amphibians, the world's oldest land vertebrates, with a pedigree going back more than 360 million years, long before dinosaurs stomped around the planet.

Other frog facts: The world's smallest is the Brazilian sapo-pulga, or flea frog, less than half an inch long (10 millimetres). The world's largest is the goliath frog, which can grow to a foot long (30 centimetres) and weigh more than three kilos! Both (of course) are endangered; the flea frog by pesticides, and the West African goliath by human appetite and loss of habitat.

On World Save The Frog Day, take action by raising the consciousness of local restaurants that serve wild frogs' legs, or take in Toronto's Frog Leap-A-Thon. Here's my favourite frog folly: Students at Texas Tech will go for a Guinness World Record by organizing the largest gathering of people wearing frog masks ever.

Or you can just raise your frog flag high. Whatever, the frogs will thank you.

Of course, there's lot's more frog-saving info at savethefrogs.com.

Save the frogs!

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Worth mentioning

ROME. Italian researchers said yesterday they will dig up bones in a Florence convent to try to identify the remains of a Renaissance woman long believed to be the model for the Mona Lisa.

If successful, the research might help ascertain the identity of the woman depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece — a mystery that has puzzled scholars and art lovers for centuries and generated countless theories.

The project, launched yesterday, aims to locate the remains of Lisa Gherardini, the wife of a rich silk merchant named Francesco del Giocondo.

Tradition has long linked Gherardini to the painting, which is known in Italian as "La Gioconda" and in French as "La Joconde." Giorgio Vasari, a 16th-century artist and biographer of Leonardo, wrote that da Vinci painted a portrait of del Giocondo's wife.

Gherardini was born in 1479. A few years ago, an amateur Italian historian said he had found a death certificate showing she died July 15, 1542, and her final resting place is in central Florence.

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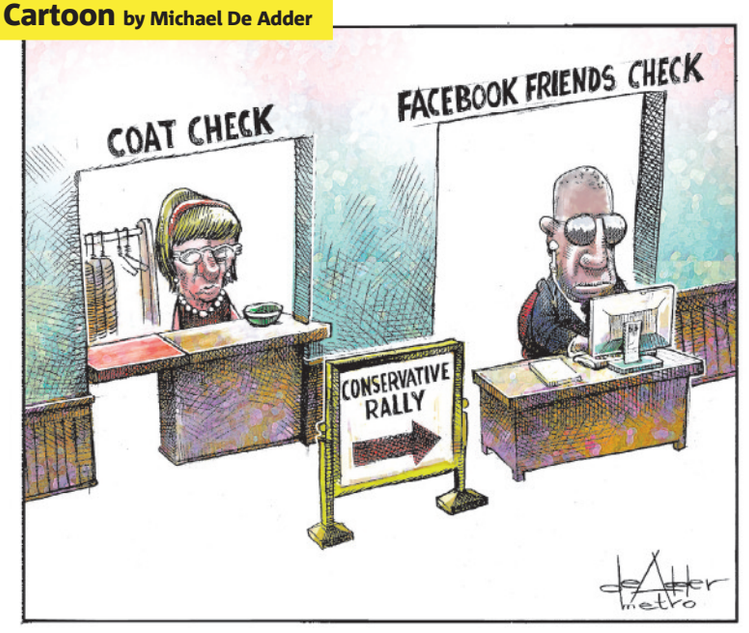

WEIRD NEWS

As long as the marriage isn't a disaster

Honeymoons aren't always easy for newlyweds, but six natural disasters?

When Stefan and Erika Svanstrom of Stockholm set out on their four-month-long honeymoon with their baby girl on Dec. 6, they say they got more than they bargained for: Immediately, they were stranded in Munich, Germany, due to one of Europe's worst snowstorms, he said.

But that was just the beginning.

After that, he said, they experienced the devastation of a cyclone in Cairns, Australia, and the flooding in Brisbane, and narrowly escaped the bush fires in Perth.

"We escaped by the skin of our teeth," Svanstrom said, recalling how they were evacuated in Cairns and were forced to spend 24 hours on a cement floor in a shopping centre with 2,500 others.

Just before they arrived in New Zealand, the 6.3-magnitude earthquake hit Christchurch and in Tokyo, they felt Japan's largest temblor since records began, he said.

Svanstrom said he also survived the devastating tsunami that hit southeast Asia in 2004.

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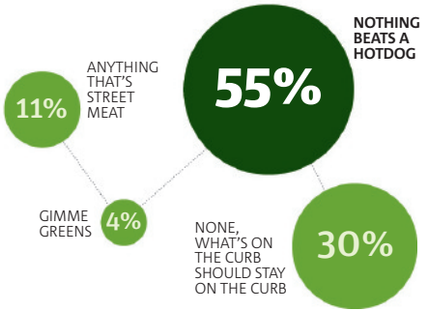

TODAY'S QUESTION: WHERE DO YOUR SMARTPHONE LOYALTIES LIE?

Local tweets

- **@leahspeaking:** Am disappointed Judge ruled Elizabeth May excluded, but with no sitting Green MP I can see the rationale. Doesn't mean I agree tho.
- **@mpvaughan:** I would like to add my voice to the public sphere: I am SO GLAD that Elizabeth May won't be at the debates in this election. Phew.
- **@markmackenzie:** Elizabeth May be shut out of the debates, but on May 3, will the public too be shut out of their own democracy?
- **@kiesm:** Shutting out Elizabeth May should make people even more determined to vote for the Green Party. Taxpayers will not be held hostage.
- **@ksee57:** #whycantyoujust let Elizabeth May into the debate?
- **@musiq_soul:** The reason Elizabeth May's policies are not heard is b/c she chooses to go on TV and talk about the debates. Opportunity lost again
- **@rennavate:** It's awful Elizabeth May isn't being invited to the debate. I guess more than a million Canadians don't deserve have someone speak for them.

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Comical

Peter Griffin and his long put-upon, but funny, family are heading to the pages of their own comic book series. Titan Comics and Twentieth Century Fox Consumer Products says the comic will be available in 2011.
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Stone Cold Steve Austin turned down 'Dancing With the Stars,' but supports Chris Jericho

In Focus

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BRANDING A REMAKE ROLE

It's a dangerous business trying to recapture movie magic, but Hollywood execs keep trying

Thirty years ago Dudley Moore introduced us to Arthur, a lovable but drunken millionaire playboy about to married to a wealthy heiress he did not love. "I race cars, play tennis, and fondle women," he said, "but I have weekends off, and I am my own boss."

The movie, Arthur, was a giant hit coming in fourth in the year's box office, earning four Oscar nods, winning two and spawning the number one hit Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do).

It's available on DVD and holds up very well, which is why it is a bit baffling that a remake of the same name is hitting theatres this weekend starring Russell Brand. Remakes, of course, are nothing new. Hollywood has been recycling ideas since the beginning. For example, Cecil B. DeMille remade his own 1915 film The Golden Chance as Forbidden Fruit just six years later. The difference is that back then there was no portable archive of movies available on Blu Ray or streaming video. Take a good story, repackage it and hopefully do good at the box office. Later, in the pre-home video years, remakes were a way to breathe some life into older movies. But times have changed. Now, via Netflix, On-Demand and Blu Ray, it's easier and cheaper than ever to seek out and see movies like the original Arthur. So what's the point of the remake?

Well, for one thing, it's a perfect role for the impish Russell Brand and, for another, it's always great to see his co-star Helen Mirren on screen. And who knows? Maybe it's better than the original. It wouldn't be the first time.

With so many remakes — past, present and future — perhaps philosopher Raoul Vaneigem was right when he said, "Our task is not to rediscover nature but to remake it."

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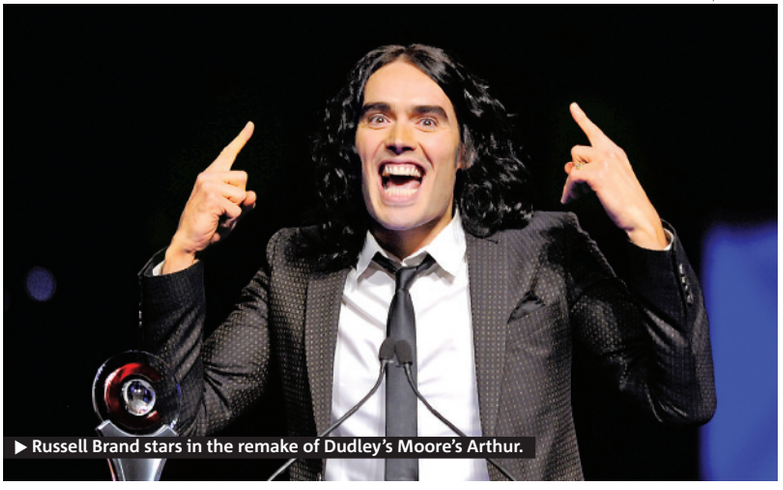

▶ Russell Brand stars in the remake of Dudley's Moore's Arthur.

A connection to his character

Russell Brand credits hard partying years as reason for success at role Admits a fondness for his co-star

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

For comedian Russell Brand, updating the drunken, childish millionaire made famous by Dudley Moore 30 years ago in Arthur came naturally — perhaps a little too naturally.

"I'm such a thorough actor that I did two decades of research into alcoholism just to make sure it was 100 per cent right," jokes Brand, himself a recovering alcoholic and drug addict. "The difference of course is that Arthur is a fictional alcoholic and has much more latitude for clowning and fun, and often his adventures don't lead to broken glass and howling women."

Playing opposite Greta Gerwig was a treat, Brand admits.

"We saw loads and loads of different actresses, which was all right — but of course I was already on the way to getting married then, so I couldn't enjoy it like the good old days, where auditions had a rather more primal quality," Brand jokes.

But there was something about Gerwig's reading that left an impression.

"Afterward I was sitting quietly and (director) Jason (Winer) said, 'Oh, what's the matter?' I said, 'I feel sad now that she's gone,'" Brand says. "And it's because I enjoyed playing with her. She has such a brilliant imagination, she's a great improviser with a wonderful understanding of comedy, a wide range of ideas, peculiar choices — but good peculiar."

Gerwig even admits that she's developed a serious crush on her co-star, Something Brand smarts at the notion of.

"Can't do nothing about it now. Just useless," he says. "Just a wonderful, useless thing, like a yacht in the middle of Idaho."

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Those are the breaks in surfing

After a shark attack Bethany Hamilton went on to become a pro surfer, an inspiration and an author Hamilton's pleased the film doesn't promote shark-phobia

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Pro surfer Bethany Hamilton shot to fame after her inspiring return to surfing following a shark attack that cost her her left arm in 2003. Now the 21-year-old Hawaiian native gets the surreal experience of watching her story recounted on screen in Soul Surfer.

Metro spoke with Hamilton about seeing her life on screen, getting her story told the right way and balancing movie responsibilities, her surfing schedule and charity work.

What was your reaction when you saw the finished film?

Seeing the final cut, I was just stoked. I was kind of just nervous what Hollywood would do with a true story. But my family and I being able to give input and feedback on the script really helped it just stay true to who we are and authentic. And that's what we wanted, just to share our faith and our love for surfing.

What did you think of AnnaSophia Robb, who plays you in the film?

AnnaSophia is amazing. I think she did so well just capturing who I am and my outlook on life. We became really good friends and got to hang out, and I taught her to surf. I think just by her getting to know me really just helped her show who I am to the world.

Was there any parts of the movie that were harder to watch than others?

No, I don't feel like I'm reliving it at all. And I've healed really well from everything, so it's been nice to not be so emotional and just be able to watch it and critique it and help it to be more accurate.

The shark attack, for example, really was very accurate to how it actually happened. It was just really quick — in and out of there real quick, and I didn't see anything. So I think that's kind of nice, because I didn't want to cause shark-phobia. I hope it doesn't scare people away from the water. I want them to go out and enjoy the ocean and try surfing and go for swims and stuff.

Your work with relief organization World Vision after the 2005 tsunami in Thailand plays a major part in the film. Have you been doing anything similar after the Japanese tsunami?

I've been tweeting about it a bit just to keep people's awareness and not to forget. So often when tragic stuff happens, it's like, "Oh no, look at this, this is awful!" And then you just forget the next day.

But I approached World Vision to see if I could go, but I don't know. I wish it was a different time, because I've always wanted to go to Japan, even before the tsunami. It's really sad.

The Japanese people are just so beautiful. I have a good friend that I travel with and compete against, and she's from Japan. She's one of the best surfers ever out of Japan. I was just really upset when I heard about that, even though I know she's OK.

Where are you in the pro surfing calendar now?

It just started. I had one event so far this year, which didn't go so well. I'm not really expecting much with all the distractions with the movie, but I'll still compete this year and hopefully get back into the groove of things soon.

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▶ Pro surfer Bethany Hamilton (right) and AnaSophia Robb the actress who plays Hamilton on the set of the film Soul Surfer.

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Bublé robbed during wedding

While singer Michael Bublé and actress Luisana Lopilato were tying the knot in Argentina over the weekend, their home was burglarized, according to TMZ.

No one was home at the time, and it was not revealed how much was stolen.

Despite the incident, the wedding weekend continues.

"I will not let this ruin the happiest day of my life," Lopilato told reporters. METRO

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Katie Holmes and daughter Suri

Big plans for Suri's birthday

Mom Katie plans pool party, piñata for 5th birthday bash

Katie Holmes is gearing up for daughter Suri's birthday.

"She's turning five in about two weeks. She wants a piñata and her girlfriends to come over [and go] swimming. We're gonna make a cake together," Holmes tells Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview.

"This is my favourite day of the year. So we're gonna have a little tea party, and I like to girl it up."

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"If I'm ever a ghost, I hope the person I haunt has Netflix."

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▶ A limo once belonging to mobster Bugsy Siegel is seen on display at the Mob Experience at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The Mob Experience is an interactive attraction featuring gangster memorabilia and commentary from film mobsters James Caan, Mickey Rourke and Frank Vincent.

Vegas embraces its organized past

Speakeasies, bootleggers, gun-wielding crime bosses and tough-guy accents pay homage to Las Vegas' mob roots in a pair of new attractions showcasing Sin City's criminal history.

An interactive attraction featuring gangster memorabilia and commentary from film mobsters James Caan, Mickey Rourke and Frank Vincent opened last week on the Las Vegas Strip. And Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, a former mob defence lawyer, plans to launch his Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement later this year. For Las Vegas, the attractions represent an unprecedented embrace of its infamous founders.

"What differentiates us from any other city is our history," Goodman said. "This is the story of America."

The desert oasis made famous by scantily-clad showgirls, ubiquitous slot machines and 24-hour happy hours has long celebrated its reputation as a haven of vice, but its relationship with the mob has taken a few hits in recent years. The city that once proudly boasted its ties to organized crime — Goodman played himself in the 1995 mob movie Casino — has instead promoted its family-friendly restaurants and Broadway shows for the past decade.

No more.

The Tropicana casino and hotel, a one-time hangout for organized crime now more known for its bargain-counter room rates, celebrated its new "Mob Experience" attraction last week with a red carpet party attended by the son of Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, the inspiration for the bloodthirsty Joe Pesci character in Casino.

The sprawling casino attraction features the diary of mobster Meyer Lansky, Spilotro's gun and family photos and home movies from other infamous criminals.

Visitors are greeted by life-size holograms of chatty gangsters and a chance to get "made."

The publicly-funded mob museum, meanwhile, is slated to open in December at a downtown Las Vegas courthouse where a detailed mob hearing that helped expose organized crime to ordinary Americans was held in 1950.

The $42 million museum started as an effort to save one of Las Vegas' few historic buildings. It's amassed a wide collection of gangster artifacts, including the wall from Chicago's St. Valentine's Day massacre, the only gun recovered at the mass shooting and the barber chair where hit man Albert Anastasia's life came to an end in 1957.

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Tips on how to deal with long car trips.

• Pack several different entertainment items suited for each child. When they tire of one, they can move on to the next.

• Stop and smell the roses: scenic look–outs and picnic areas are great places to let kids burn off some of that boundless energy. NEWS CANADA

Gulf Coast tourism officials 'cautiously optimistic' about prospects for 2011

Take a fresh look

Our huge country boasts stunning natural assets, from landscapes to abundant wildlife, much of which makes for great dining Have you tried tasty lobster, beaver tails, and of course poutine or maple syrup?

The are great public markets pop up all over the country.

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Canada is so vast, and its inhabitants come from such different horizons, that it would be impossible to sum up its cuisine in just one dish.

What you'll find in Vancouver, where more than 30 per cent of the population is Asian, is completely different from the traditional inspired food in Quebec.

One word may link our cuisine: locavoracious, an interest in locally-sourced food. Indeed, fresh, seasonal and local products hugely inspire chefs from coast to coast to coast.

That may explain the popularity of the public markets throughout the country, whether it's St. Lawrence Market in Toronto, Marché Jean-Talon in Montreal or Granville Island Market in Vancouver.

Once described as old-fashioned, Canadian gastronomy is now innovative.

Forget the meat pies and the maple-syrup-celebrating sugar shacks, and say hi to avant-garde cuisine. Sure, it's great to taste the classics like Montreal's bagels or smoked meat, Ottawa's beaver tail or Acadian rappie pie, made with grated potato — and you'll always find a touch of the past on the menus here — but the new generation of chefs are looking forward.

The most influential foodies around the world now often list Canadian cities, including Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver, as must-go-to destinations, thanks to their inspiring restaurants.

For example, Chef Michael Dekker, from Rouge restaurant in Calgary — one the best in the world — serves a Beet Cured Halibut Gravlax with Pea Shoot Salad and

For more information check out canada.travel

Gourmet tips

- Don't look for street food in Montreal as it is not permitted. But don't worry; you'll be able to have a hot dog in the streets of Toronto or Vancouver!
- Our cities are amongst the most cosmopolitan in the world. So you'll find a lot of good foreign cuisine. Chinatowns in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal are amazing.
- Although you'll find a lot of good microbreweries throughout the country, Canada is not only a beer land. Okanagan valley in British Columbia produces the best Canadian wines. In Quebec, you'll find a sweet delicacy: ice cider and ice wine.

at Canadian food

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Almond Crunch.

Montreal's Toque! chef Normand Laprise serves a Suckling pig shoulder with onion bacon, celeriac purée and apple sauce.

One of the best "locavore" experiences in Canada may be found two hours outside of Toronto in Singhampton.

The pig that Chef Michael Stadtländer serves at Haisai is raised on the land, butchered in the kitchen and smoked and dried for a year on the restaurant's own farm.

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MAPLE SYRUP

- Probably the best know treat from this country. Nowadays, maple syrup is not just a star at sugar shacks or used in desserts, it is present on the menus of the best restaurants in sauces, dressings and cocktails.

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LOBSTER

- If the salmon is the star of the West, the lobster is the King of the East. People in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will tell you that the simpler the recipe is, the better the lobster will be.

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SALMON

- To be wise and ethical, choose salmon from the Pacific. On the West Coast, the fish can be found anywhere. The freshest and the best ones are found in Vancouver in the sushi shops, in the Asian restaurants or at Granville Island Market.

METRO WORLD NEWS

POUTINE

- This dish of French fries and cheese soaked in gravy may not sound appealing but it's a delicacy in Quebec. Try one of the many varieties at La Banquise in Montreal. It's even better at three in the morning. Alternatively stock up on it après-ski.

HANDOUT

▶ The BIXI bicycle sharing program will allow visitors to take in the sights, get some exercise and save money by leaving their gas-guzzlers in the hotel parking lot.

BIXI gets you out of your car

A curbside bicycle service being offered in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa this summer will provide a breath of fresh air for tourists.

The BIXI bicycle sharing program will allow visitors to take in the sights, get some exercise and save money by leaving their gas-guzzlers in the hotel parking lot.

All they have to do is grab a credit card and find a BIXI docking station, where they can rent a rugged but comfortable two-wheeler — hassle-free.

The BIXI bicycle system was first set up in Montreal two years ago and so far has attracted more than 230,000 casual users.

BIXI spokeswoman Berengere Theriault says the program, which is operated by the non-profit Public Bike System Company, has proven to be popular with tourists.

In fact, she's received letters from tourists as far as away as Singapore saying they were impressed with the service.

"We have visitors who go to events, like the Grand Prix, where there were a lot of tourists who talked about BIXI and wanted to try it," Theriault says.

The eco-friendly bike rental program, which began in Spring 2009 in Montreal, has been expanding and will be available in Toronto and the National Capital Region in May.

BIXI Toronto plans to have 1,000 bikes available at 80 docking stations around the city's downtown core, while the bike share program will operate under the name Capital BIXI in the Ottawa area.

It will start out with 100 bikes at 10 stations in various locations throughout downtown Ottawa and neighbouring Gatineau.

The bike-sharing service has also gone international, with BIXI systems now operating in Washington D.C., Minneapolis, Minn. London, England and Melbourne, Australia.

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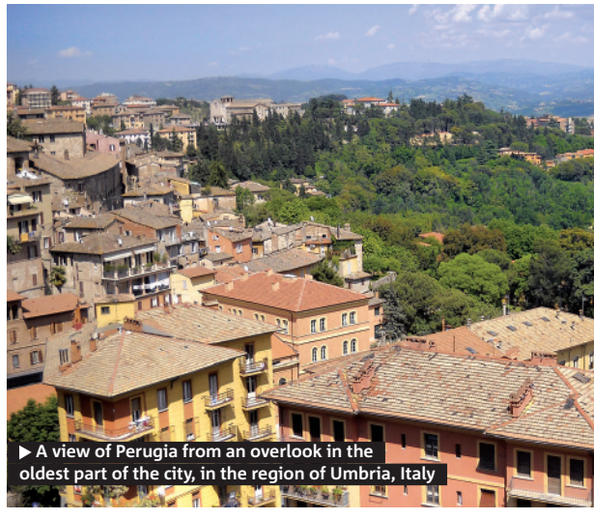
Tuscany's neighbour is nothing to scoff at Beautiful views, amazing historical architecture and of course people watching



▶ A view of Perugia from an overlook in the oldest part of the city, in the region of Umbria, Italy

Breathtaking views of stone buildings perched above green valleys are throughout Umbria, which boasts beautiful landscapes, terrific food, impressive art and architecture, and a wealth of history.

Umbria plays the subtly gorgeous girl-next-door to its more famous celebrity neighbour, Tuscany. The villa in Monte Santa Maria Tiberina was the perfect base for exploring this region known as "the green heart of Italy."

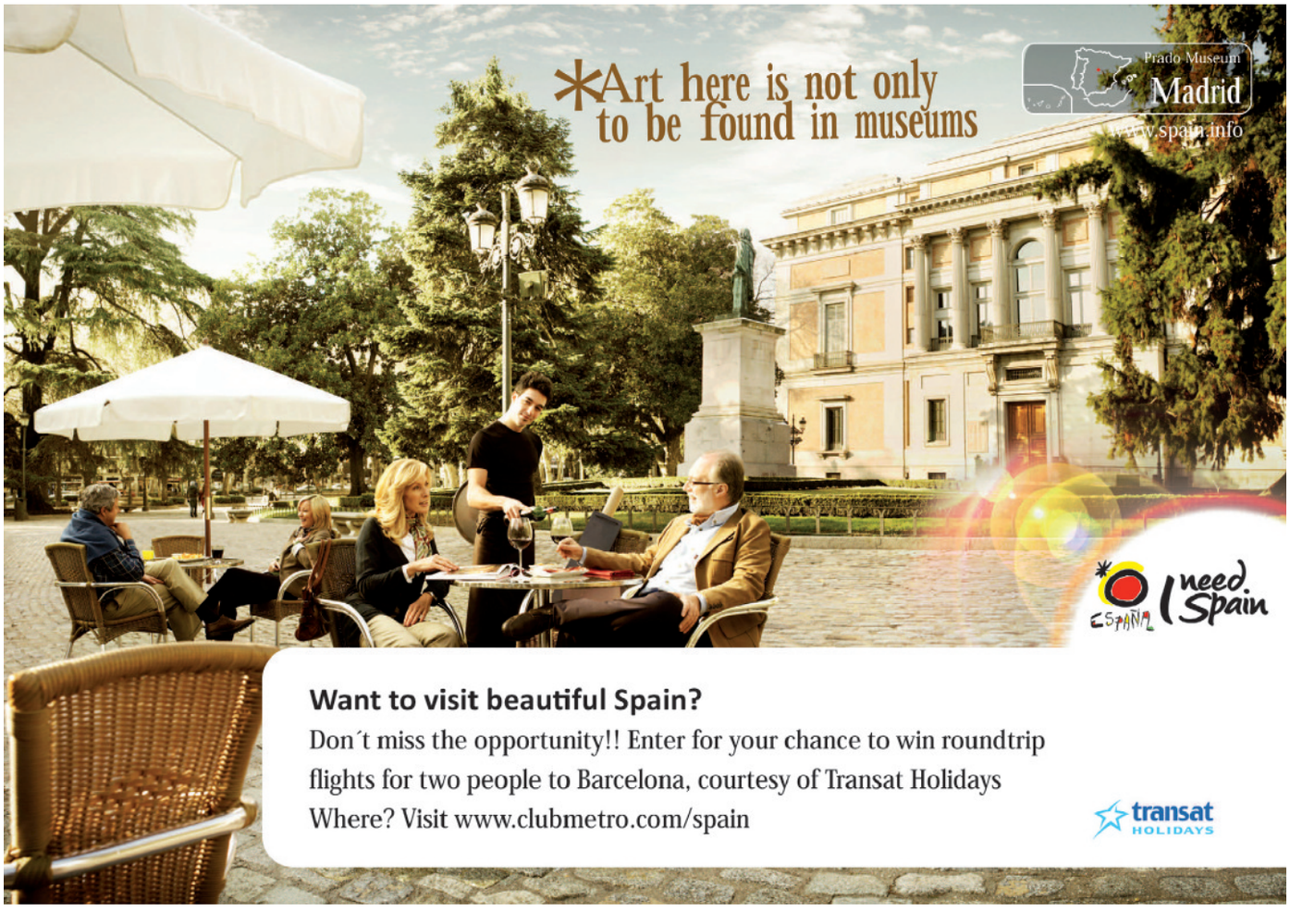
The villa was a stunning rehab of a 16th-century home once owned by the Prince of Milan. It had several bedrooms, spacious common areas, Internet access, a gigantic kitchen with modern appliances, and a two-tiered backyard with a pool overlooking the hills. (For smaller parties or shorter stays, try an "agriturismo" — essentially an Italian bed-and-breakfast.)

Be sure to take a trip to Assisi, home of St. Francis (San Francesco), Italy's patron saint. The immense basilica built in his memory is a major pilgrimage site — his remains are on the lower level — and a marvel of ornate frescoes, including Giotto's "The Life of St. Francis." Dress modestly (no shorts or tank tops) or you'll be turned away.

The town also boasts a medieval fortress, other churches (St. Clare is buried in one) and many upscale shops and eateries. Ironically, while St. Francis renounced his worldly possessions in a search for God, you can buy all kinds of saintly keepsakes — including a mini-version of his signature sandal on a keychain.

Make a stop in nearby Perugia. The Umbrian capital is a university town and home of the Galleria Nazionale, the region's main art museum. History buffs might seek out Etruscan treasures like the municipal well and Porta Marzia (Mars Gate), both of which date to the 3rd century B.C.

The guidebooks hype the city's main piazza and fountain but, while perfectly nice, they aren't all that exciting. The pedestrian-only Corso Vannucci is great for strolling and peo-



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ple-watching; it's lined with shops and cafes and has a nice overlook at the end.

Just outside the city is San Sisto, where Perugina chocolate is made. You can tour the factory where it manufactures its signature Baci ("kisses") hazelnut chocolates. Each fall, Perugia hosts the Eurochocolate festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A view from the hilltop town of Monte Santa Maria Tiberina in the Umbria region of Italy. Umbria boasts beautiful landscapes, terrific food, impressive art and architecture, and a wealth of history.

If you go ...

Umbria. Umbria is less than three hours by car From Rome via the A1. Attractions include the cathedral in Orvieto, the home of St. Francis in Assisi, and San Sisto, home to Baci hazelnut chocolates (factory tours available.) Each May 15, the town of Gubbio hosts a large annual festival, Corso dei Ceri, while Perugia hosts the Eurochocolate festival Oct. 14-23. italiantourism.com/umbria.html.

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A New York scavenger hunt

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▶ The New York Public Library will be the site of a scavenger hunt by 500 people who will spend the night in the Library exploring its miles of rare treasures.

The majestic main branch of the New York Public Library is seeking 500 people to spend the night there on a scavenger hunt in late May designed to tap into their inner creativity and potential as they explore its rare treasures.

The hunt, called Find the Future: The Game, was created for the library's centennial celebration by Jane McGonigal, renowned for designing games that tackle real-world problems.

"We realized that if we could bring players face to face with these treasures, these world-changing objects from the past, they would be able to tap into their own world-changing potential," said McGonigal, the author of the bestseller Reality is Broken: Why Games Make Us Better and How They Can Change the World.

Would-be scavengers at the midtown Manhattan library can register on a website that went online last week. Each needs to complete a written challenge, or quest, for the chance to play the game, which starts on May 20 at 8 p.m. and ends the next day at 6 a.m.

Taking a page from the hit movie A Night at the Museum, the 500 participants, working in groups of eight, will traipse all over the magnificent marble interior of the Fifth Avenue library, including the beautiful Adam A. Rose Reading Room and 18-mile-long underground stacks.

In keeping with the library's 100th anniversary theme, "Find The Future," the players will be looking for 100 objects, with clues where to find them appearing via an app on their mobile devices. Each group will have time for about three to four objects.

To prove they found an object, they will have to scan a type of bar code with their cellphones and spend time with it before unlocking a quest to write their own story based on the object at a computer in the reading room.

For example, McGonigal said, players who find a full-text version of the Declaration of Independence handwritten by Thomas Jefferson in the library's collection will be able to make their own written declarations about something that matters to them and their future. They also will be able to share their story on an online version of the game that will be available a day after the overnight gamers complete their challenges, museum officials said.

"We want people to engage with their imaginations, their creativity," said Caro Llewellyn, the producer of the library's centennial celebration.

The goal of the game is for people to write stories about the kind of future they want to see and the kind of world they envision, she said.

It's an opportunity, McGonigal added, for people to "leave their own legacy."

When Charles Dickens' beloved cat died he had its paw taxidermied and made into a letter opener. Members of the group that finds it will get a quest to write an open letter to someone they love.

The stories will be turned into a book, which will become part of the library's permanent collection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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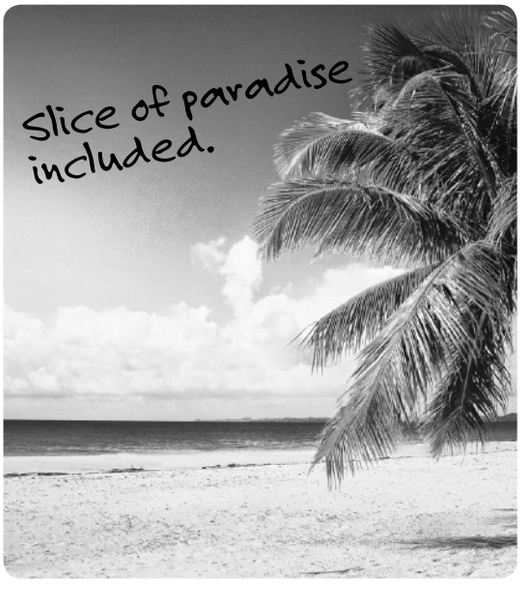
▶ Top: A pair of glasses worn by Jack Kerouac. Bottom: A letter opener belonging to Charles Dickens.



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Acapulco's been a tourist draw for good reasons

The amazing cliffs are just a small part of what makes this Pacific-coast city such a hot destination

John Wayne slept here.

And so did Tarzan, or at least Johnny Weissmuller, the man who created the famous yodelling call used by every successive loin-cloth-clad, vine-swinger in Hollywood.

"Here" is Los Flamingos, a tiny pinkwashed stucco hotel, perched about 275 metres above the Pacific Ocean, on the edge of the cliffs that form part of Acapulco's Old Town.

"This way, that's Tarzan's round house," says Carlos Serrano, the cab driver who brought me to one of the symbols of what Acapulco once was — a playground for the rich, the famous and, most of all, for Hollywood stars.

Weissmuller, an Olympic gold-medal-winning swimmer, wasn't the first Tarzan, but he became the best known and played Edgar Rice Burroughs' jungle-raised ape man in a dozen films.

The cool wind off the Pacific, even on a 30-degree-plus day, is a reminder of why the location was great in an age before air conditioning. Now however, all the action has moved down the hill directly to the bay itself.

There, and at the Diamante resort area just southeast of Acapulco proper, are the huge hotels, condominiums and time-shares that still swell Acapulco's native population with thousands of visitors.

It's easy to see the attraction the ancient city on the Pacific holds for visitors. Checking the winter weather forecast seems pointless when the chances are 10-to-1 it will be 30 and sunny. OK, sometimes it's 32 and sunny.

Acapulco is a city of ups and downs once you move away from Costera Miguel Aleman, the broad boulevard choked with traffic that runs along the beach. There are hillside discos where you can dance the night away and first-class restaurants that show off Mexican and international cuisine. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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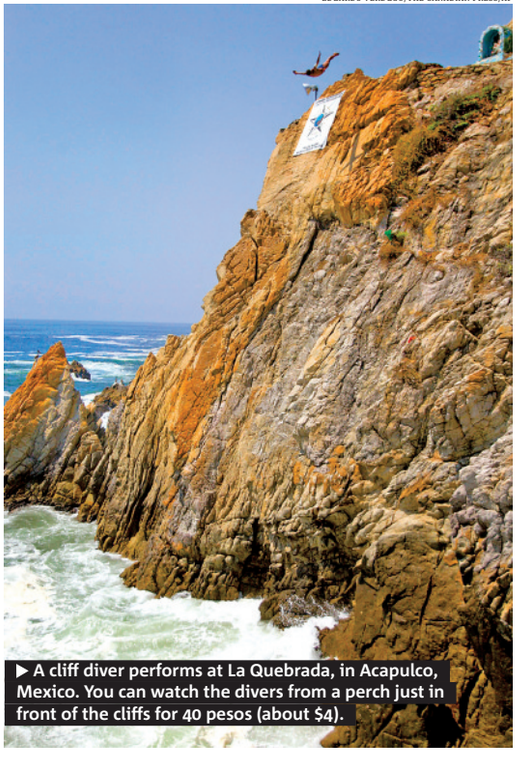

▶ A cliff diver performs at La Quebrada, in Acapulco, Mexico. You can watch the divers from a perch just in front of the cliffs for 40 pesos (about $4).

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Can mushrooms bring out the love in the bedroom?

LARRY CROWE/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ This stroganoff is great served over rice, mashed potatoes or noodles.

When you're looking to cook up some vegetarian love, the world's cuisines offer plenty of ways to stimulate the senses.

"It's a lovely way to do it, especially if you've been somewhere and you want to recreate a magical moment," says Troth Wells, author of One World Vegetarian Cookbook.

Oysters and steak with bearnaise have long been the standard for "romantic" meals, but Wells says the inherent sensuality of vegetables will tickle the senses without leaving you too full to frolic after.

And then there are the spices. Considered aphrodisiacs by many ancient cultures, spices such as nutmeg are said to increase amorous function. Chili releases endorphins, while cinnamon, cardamom and cloves have historically been considered erotic scents.

"Like diamonds and perfume, anything that's expensive and requires some dangerous exploits to get it has some sexual excitement to it," she says.

Mushroom Stroganoff

Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) canola oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 500 g (1 lb) button or mixed mushrooms, sliced or quartered
- 5 ml (1 tsp) paprika
- Pinch nutmeg
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) white wine
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh cilantro
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) creme fraiche
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Preparation:

1. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat oil. Add onion and sauté for 4 minutes. Add garlic and sauté for another 30 seconds.
2. Increase heat to high and add mushrooms, paprika and nutmeg. Sauté for 10 minutes or until mushrooms are soft and brown.
3. Add wine and balsamic vinegar, stir well. Bring to a simmer reduce heat and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in cilantro, then creme fraiche. Season with salt and pepper. Serve over rice, mashed potatoes or noodles.

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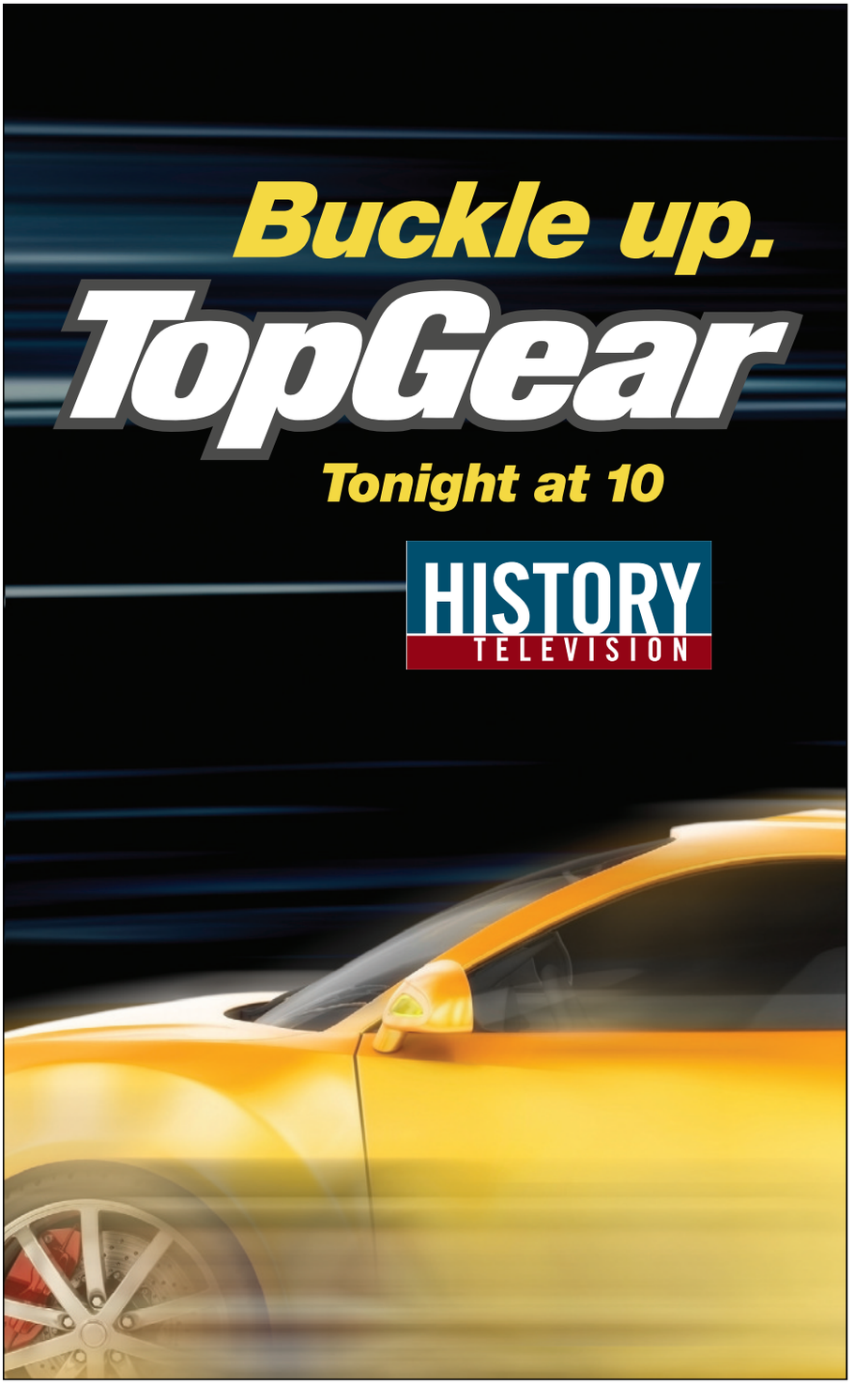

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PowerPoint prowess

Click, click, click, snooze? Keep the eyes of your colleagues wide open with these tips on how to perfect the work presentation

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Wake up those workers!

When the moment comes to deliver a sales pitch or propose a project, all too many speech-shy professionals fall back on what may be the modern world's most tedious way to present an idea: PowerPoint.

Speech coaches say there's no better tool for turning a slide show into a drag.

"I myself like PowerPoint, I just don't like what people do with it," bemoans Elayne Snyder, public speaking expert. "They put a whole bunch of stuff up on the screen, which is the worse thing there is to do."

Cramming your slides with fine text could make your PowerPoint feel power pointless. To avoid the temptation, script your speech on a scrap of paper.

"Don't put together your presentation in PowerPoint," speech coach Patricia Fripp recommends. "Build it on a pad of paper, a white board, or on a flip chart, and then ask yourself, where absolutely must I add the PowerPoint?"

With a good script, you might be surprised how little you need it.

"If you're engaging the audience, and you're telling a story, you won't need PowerPoint," she says. "But if you're looking to illustrate a point, you might want to have a chart, or a graph, or a diagram. Or, if it's a learning session, you just put bullet points of what you want people to remember."

One of the biggest dangers in using a slide show in a pitch isn't what it does to your speech – it's what it does to your body language.

"When delivering the presentation, never look at the screen," Snyder stresses. "People don't want to see the back of your head."

Fixating your eyes on the audience in front of you conveys confidence, she adds. And long after that audience has forgotten the contents of slide 27 — or how quirky the animated .gif was on slide 42 – they will remember the impression they took away of you.

"A speech is all about building rapport with the audience," Fripp concurs. "If the audience is reading your PowerPoint, then they can't listen and pay attention to you."

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A grip on the grind

Papers piling up at a rapid pace? Learn how to handle your workload

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If most days at work your to-do list is left undone, you drag assignments home when you should be relaxing and 500 or so unread e-mails point their fingers at you every time you open your inbox — then it's time to get organized. Laura Leist, an organization and productivity consultant, gives us tips:

1 "It's always best to plan for the next day at the end of day," says Leist. "I say pick three really important things that you need to get done. A lot of times people pick too many things to do and they feel like nothing is accomplished."

2 "Once you picked your three tasks, those are things you should do first." She recommends holding off on the little things you can scratch off the list first. "You want to work toward getting the bigger stuff done."

3 "It's unrealistic to say you're going to work on a project for eight hours in the day, because things always come up," says Leist.

"It's more realistic to say, 'I'm going to spend two or three hours a day on this project.' Then you'll have other time during those days to work on other projects, too."

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Are all those little birdies falling quickly out of line?

4 Implement a task-management system — and use it daily.

"You need something to keep track of the current things you're working on and a place to store your ideas for future projects," says Leist.

She suggests applications such as TeuxDeux.com, RememberTheMilk.com and ActionMethod.com.

5 "Use your calendar to schedule projects you are working on, meetings and networking things you're going to," says Leist.

This way, you can look back at the end of the day or week and see what didn't get accomplished. Then move those tasks forward to the following day or week.

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Run is done

Leafs' playoff push comes to an end even before shootout loss to Capitals ◆ Team will miss post-season for sixth time in a row

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ James Reimer crumples in disappointment last night after allowing the winning goal in a shootout against Washington.

Time ran out on the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Mike Knuble was the only player to score in a four-round shootout last night as the Washington Capitals edged the Maple Leafs 3-2 on a night where Toronto saw its playoff push officially ended.

Even a victory wouldn't have kept the Maple Leafs alive because Buffalo beat Tampa 4-2 — a result that was posted prior to the overtime session at the Air Canada Centre.

It's the franchise-record sixth straight season the Maple Leafs will miss out on the playoffs. Only the Florida Panthers are currently locked in a longer drought.

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CAPITALS	LEAFS

Alex Ovechkin and John Erskine scored in regulation for the Capitals (47-22-11), who clinched the Southeast Division title for a fourth straight year.

Nikolai Kulemin and Joffrey Lupul replied for Toronto (37-32-11).

Toronto looked like a long shot to even find itself in a playoff race after returning from the all-star break 12 points out of eighth place in the Eastern Conference. But the team put together an 18-7-6 run to stay alive until the final days of the regular season.

The game against Washington was one of its poorest over that stretch but a solid outing from James Reimer kept it close. The Leafs goalie made 39 saves, several of them on a dangerous-looking Ovechkin.

Kulemin got the Leafs off to a good start with his 30th goal of the season. With linemates Mikhail Grabovski and Clarke MacArthur going to the net, he fooled Michal Neuvirth with a wrist shot off the rush at 5:37 on a power play.

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Leafs preview

Leafs at Devils
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It has been quite a late-season run for Toronto, but Buffalo's win last night means the Leafs find themselves simply playing out the string against the Devils. Still, Toronto has compiled an impressive 18-7-6 record since the all-star break.

These are indeed uncharted waters for New Jersey (36-37-5). As a result of a 3-1 loss to Montreal Saturday, the club will miss the NHL playoffs for the first time since 1996. That ends the NHL's second-longest active streak at 13 seasons.

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Knicks click against Raptors

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KNICKS	RAPTORS

Toney Douglas scored 28 points, Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire each added 23, and the New York Knicks closed within a half-game of sixth place in the Eastern Conference by routing the Toronto Raptors 131-118 last night for their fourth straight victory.

Chauncey Billups had 13 points and nine assists for the Knicks, who can move ahead of the 76ers for the No. 6 seed when they travel to Philadelphia tonight. It's a rare big game in the springtime for the Knicks, usually long out of contention by now but headed back to the post-season for the first time since 2004.

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CAVALIERS RAPTORS

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Columbus	79	34	32	5	8	210	246	81	17-18-1-4	17-14-4-4	2-5-2-1	L3
Colorado	78	29	41	7	1	218	275	66	15-20-4-0	14-21-3-1	3-7-0-0	L1
Edmonton	78	24	43	2	9	186	256	59	12-21-1-5	12-22-2-3	1-6-1-2	W1

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Columbus at Dallas
Vancouver at Edmonton

Monday's results
N.Y. Rangers 5 Boston 3
San Jose 6 Los Angeles 1

Tonight's games
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

CAPITALS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2 (SO)

First Period
1. Toronto, Kulemin 30 (MacArthur, Gunnarsson) 5:37 (pp)
2. Washington, Ovechkin 31 (Laich, Sturm) 11:28 (pp)

Penalties — Carlson Wash (holding) 4:23, Lashoff Tor (delay of game) 9:37, Crabb Tor (hooking) 11:17.

Second Period
3. Toronto, Lupul 14 (Kessel, Schenn) 1:35
4. Washington, Erskine 4 (Hendricks, Bradley) 12:07

Penalties — Chimera Wash, Komisarek Tor (fighting) 12:34, Brent Tor (holding) 15:26.

Third Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Overtime
No Scoring.

Penalty — Backstrom Wash (delay of game) 4:50.

Shootout
(Washington wins 1-0)
Toronto (0) — Grabovski, miss; Kadri, miss; Kulemin, miss; Lupul, miss. Washington (1) — Backstrom, miss; Hendricks, miss; Ovechkin, miss; Knuble, goal.

Shots

Washington	9	17	14	1—41
Toronto	5	5	10	1—21

Goal — Washington: Neuvirth (W,27-11-4); Toronto: Reimer (SOL,20-8-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Washington: 1-3; Toronto: 1-2. **Referees** — Tom Kowal, Kevin Pollock. **Linesmen** — Steve Miller, Mark Shewchyk. **Att.** — 19,509 at Toronto.

SENATORS 5, FLYERS 2

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Richards 22 (Timonen, Giroux) 3:40 (pp)
2. Ottawa, Foligno 14 (Spezza, Kuba) 15:37 (pp)

Penalties — Condra Ott (hooking) 3:17, Holmstrom Pha (fighting), Neil Ott (instigating, fighting, misconduct) 4:59, Foligno Ott (tripping) 12:13, Meszaros Pha (interference) 13:59.

Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Richards 23 (Zherdev, Timonen) 15:56 (pp)
4. Ottawa, Shannon 11 (Spezza, Kuba) 18:22 (pp)
5. Ottawa, Butler 8 (Smith, Spezza) 19:46

Penalties — Hartnell Pha (holding) 2:47, Lessard Ott (tripping) 7:32, Benoit Ott (hooking) 11:32, Michalek Ott (high-sticking) 14:24, Syvret Pha (holding) 17:02.

Third Period
6. Ottawa, Spezza 20 (Shannon, Butler) 8:03 (pp)
7. Ottawa, Michalek 18 (Winchester, Hale) 18:42 (en)

Penalties — Meszaros Pha(high-sticking) 1:14, Carcillo Pha (holding) 7:12.

Shots on goal by

Philadelphia	5	13	11	29
Ottawa	12	12	12	36

Goal — Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (L,28-13-7); Ottawa: Anderson (W,23-20-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Philadelphia: 2-6; Ottawa: 3-5. **Referees** — Francois St. Laurent, Don Van-Massenhoven. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Scott Cherrey. **Att.** — 18,397 (19,153) at Ottawa.

CANADIENS 2, BLACKHAWKS 1 (OT)

First Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Subban Mtl (hooking) 17:40, Hamrlik Mtl (interference) 19:54.

Second Period
1. Montreal, Cammalleri 18 (Kostitsyn, Mara) 6:55
2. Chicago, Kane 27 (Brouwer, Seabrook) 10:05

Penalties — Toews Chi (interference) 0:46, Stalberg Chi (holding), Kostitsyn Mtl (tripping) 7:42, Subban Mtl (delay of game) 12:45. **Third Period** — No Scoring. **Penalties** — Kopecky Chi (goaltender interference) 10:17, Kostitsyn Mtl (holding) 13:20.

Overtime
3. Montreal, Subban 14 (Kostitsyn, Cammalleri) 1:13 (pp)

Penalty — Toews Chi (tripping) 0:37.

Shots

Chicago	9	14	20	—43
Montreal	12	12	9	2—35

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,31-17-6) Montreal: Price (W,37-28-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)**/@ — Chicago: 0-5. Montreal: 1-4. **Referees** — Eric Furlatt, Brian Pochmara. **Linesmen** — Tony Sericolo, Pierre Champoux. **Att.** — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	14	10	4	.714	165	139	—
x-Buffalo	12	8	4	.667	131	112	1
x-Rochester	12	7	5	.583	125	125	2
Boston	14	6	8	.429	141	139	4
Philadelphia	13	5	8	.385	121	149	4½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
y-Calgary	14	10	4	.714	177	157	—
x-Washington	14	7	7	.500	177	165	3
x-Minnesota	13	6	7	.462	149	147	3½
Edmonton	14	4	10	.286	151	177	6
Colorado	12	3	9	.250	106	133	6

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division.

WEEK 14

Friday's games
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's game
Rochester at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	4	0	1.000	—
Toronto	3	1	.750	1
New York	3	2	.600	1½
Boston	0	4	.000	4
Tampa Bay	0	4	.000	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	3	1	.750	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	½
Cleveland	2	2	.500	1
Minnesota	2	3	.400	1½
Detroit	1	3	.250	2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	4	0	1.000	—
Seattle	2	2	.500	2
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2½
Oakland	1	3	.250	3

Yesterday's results
L.A. Angels 5 Tampa Bay 3
Cleveland 3 Boston 1
Minnesota 5 N.Y. Yankees 4, 10 innings
Toronto 7 Oakland 6, 10 innings
Seattle at Texas
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City

Monday Results
Baltimore 5 Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 4 Minnesota 3
Texas 6 Seattle 4

Today's games
L.A. Angels (Haren 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-0) at Texas (C.Wilson 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-0) at Kansas City (Francis 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Boston (Matsuzaka 0-0) at Cleveland (Talbot 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 0-0) at Baltimore (Bergesen 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Pavano 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Braden 0-0) at Toronto (Litsch 0-0), 7:07 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Boston at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Oakland at Toronto, 12:37 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	3	1	.750	—
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	—
Atlanta	3	2	.600	½
Florida	1	2	.333	1½
Washington	1	2	.333	1½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	4	0	1.000	—
Pittsburgh	3	1	.750	1
Chicago	3	2	.600	1½
St. Louis	1	3	.250	3
Milwaukee	1	4	.200	3½
Houston	0	4	.000	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—
San Diego	3	1	.750	—
Colorado	1	1	.500	1
Arizona	1	3	.250	2
San Francisco	1	4	.200	2½

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 6 Arizona 5
San Diego 3 San Francisco 1
N.Y. Mets 7 Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 8 Houston 2
Washington at Florida
Milwaukee 1 Atlanta 0
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado

Monday's results
Atlanta 2 Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 4 Arizona 1
Pittsburgh 4 St. Louis 3

Today's games
Pittsburgh (Correia 1-0) at St. Louis (Carpenter 0-0), 1:45 p.m.
Arizona (Galarraga 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 1-0) at Colorado (Hammel 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 0-1) at San Diego (Stauffer 0-0), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 0-1) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Figueroa 0-0) at Cincinnati (Volquez 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (L.Hernandez 0-1) at Florida (Volstad 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 0-0) at Milwaukee (Estrada 0-0), 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Houston at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 1:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:10 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Philadelphia	3	2	1	0	2	1	6
New England	3	1	0	2	4	3	5
New York	3	1	0	2	2	1	5
Chicago	2	1	0	1	4	3	4
Kansas City	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
Toronto	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Columbus	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
D.C. United	3	1	2	0	5	7	3
Houston	3	0	1	2	2	3	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
Los Angeles	4	2	1	1	4	5	7
Real Salt Lake	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Vancouver	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
San Jose	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Seattle	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Chivas USA	3	0	2	1	3	5	1
Portland	3	0	2	1	2	6	1
Dallas	3	0	2	1	1	5	1

Note: Three points for win, one point for tie.

Tonight's game
New England at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

UEFA

CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Schalke 04 5 Internazionale 2
Real Madrid 4 Tottenham Hotspur 0

CONCACAF

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Saprissa vs. Real Salt Lake

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Rangers 2 St Johnstone 0

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	57	20	.740	—
y-Boston	54	23	.701	3
y-Miami	54	23	.701	3
x-Orlando	49	29	.628	8½
x-Atlanta	44	34	.564	13½
x-Philadelphia	40	38	.513	17½
x-New York	39	38	.506	18
Indiana	35	43	.449	22½
Charlotte	32	45	.416	25
Milwaukee	31	46	.403	26
Detroit	26	51	.338	31
New Jersey	24	53	.312	33
Washington	21	56	.273	36
Toronto	21	56	.273	36
Cleveland	16	61	.208	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	59	19	.756	—
y-L.A. Lakers	55	21	.724	3
x-Dallas	53	24	.688	5½
x-Oklahoma City	50	26	.658	8
x-Denver	47	29	.618	11
Portland	45	32	.584	13½
New Orleans	44	33	.571	14½
Memphis	44	33	.571	14½
Houston	41	36	.532	17½
Phoenix	37	40	.481	21½
Utah	36	41	.468	22½
Golden State	33	44	.429	25½
L.A. Clippers	30	47	.390	28½
Sacramento	22	54	.289	36
Minnesota	17	61	.218	42

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division.

Last night's results
San Antonio 97 Atlanta 90
Cleveland 99 Charlotte 89
New Jersey 107 Minnesota 105
Orlando 78 Milwaukee 72
Washington 107 Detroit 105
Boston 99 Philadelphia 82
New York 131 Toronto 118
Chicago 97 Phoenix 94
L.A. Clippers at Memphis
Sacramento at Houston
Oklahoma City at Denver
Golden State at Portland
Utah at L.A. Lakers

CURLING

WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

At Regina
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Yesterday's results
Ninth Draw
Germany 7 Sweden 6 (extra end)
Scotland 5 China 3
Switzerland 7 Norway 4
U.S. 8 Czech Republic 4
Draw 10
Canada 11 France 5
Norway 7 U.S. 6
South Korea 10 Denmark 8
Switzerland 8 Czech Republic 6 (extra end)
Draw 11
Germany vs. South Korea; Sweden vs. Denmark; France vs. China; **Canada** vs. Scotland.

BASKETBALL

NCAA TOURNAMENT

FINAL FOUR

At Houston
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday's result
Connecticut 53 Butler 41

Opinion

ADAM PROTEAU
THE HOCKEY NEWS

A MINOR MIRACLE FOR LEAFS

For a long stretch of time, the Toronto Maple Leafs development system was a Mad Max-like wasteland where ill-equipped young kids tried hold their own against grizzled-looking, professional minor league hockey league lifers.

In their less-than-illustrious modern-day history, the Leafs have not proven capable of converting prospects into bona fide NHLers the way the league's elite teams (such as the Detroit Red Wings) are famous for.

That said, things have been different of late for the organization's minor league system. This season, the Leafs have received lots of help from the Toronto Marlies, their American League farm team that is proving to be a great breeding ground, not just for players, but for coaches.

Indeed, the job done this season by second-year Marlies head coach Dallas Eakins (and assistant coaches Gord Dineen and Derek King) has been nothing short of tremendous.

For starters, they have prepared rising prospects Nazem Kadri and Keith Aulie for life in the NHL; neither youngster was ready to contribute as a Leaf last season, but both are clearly much improved after having played under Eakins' tutelage.

But his influence extends beyond Aulie and Kadri. Pro hockey players can be jaded when it comes to their coaches, yet Eakins' dedication and preparation for games — as well as his interest in them as more than employees — has members of the Marlies roster talking about him with a deep sense of reverence.

Without a doubt, that's a significant factor as to why the AHL team stayed in the playoff race until this past weekend.

Even with a large number of Marlies recalled to the NHL (including goalie James Reimer and worker bee forwards Darryl Boyce and Joey Crabb), and even with injuries to key members including Joe Colborne, Christian Hanson, Luca Caputi and Jussi Rynnas, Eakins kept the team competitive.

With Toronto coach Ron Wilson likely to sign a contract extension this summer, it is unlikely Eakins will get a shot at the Leafs job sooner than later. But Eakins' ability to turn that former Mad Max wasteland into a productive garden is one that will not go unnoticed.

Shining. Start to season

▶ Blue Jay Aaron Hill throws out Oakland's Coco Crisp during the third inning of last night's game in Toronto.

DARREN CALABRESE/THECANADIAN PRESS

Jays put together pair of comebacks in dramatic walk-off win

Yunel Escobar hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to complete the Toronto Blue Jays' 7-6 win over the Oakland Athletics last night.
Escobar hit his first long ball of the season after Rajai Davis, a former Athletic, hit a leadoff single. Josh Willingham led off the 10th with his second home run of the season against Jason Frasor to give Oakland a 6-5 lead.
The Jays overcame an early five-run disadvantage to improve to 3-1 with help from sloppy Oakland defence to tie the game at 5-5 in the sixth inning.

Rangers' Callahan suffers broken leg

The Rangers' second-leading scorer Ryan Callahan is out indefinitely because of a broken right leg, just as New York is making a final push for an Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Callahan, who has a career-high 23 goals and 25 assists this season, was injured with 1:45 left in Monday night's stirring 5-3 comeback win over the Boston Bruins that pushed the Rangers from eighth place into a tie with Montreal for sixth.

The injury won't require surgery to fix, but is likely season-ending.

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MAY'S DEBATE EXCLUSION DOES DISSERVICE TO VOTERS

By FRED RINNE, QMI AGENCY, April 1, 2011

"It is a common sense proposition that anyone who received a million votes has a right to be heard… To exclude [May] is to invite yet another examination of why we as a society delegate to television networks the right to decide issues like this."

Elly Alboim, Associate Professor of Journalism and former Parliamentary Bureau Chief for CBC TV News

"The Green Party, led by Elizabeth May, is the one political party clearly committed to averting the catastrophic consequences of our continuing to treat the Earth as mere dirt beneath our feet, so it is imperative that she be allowed to debate."

Farley Mowat

Let May In

Ottawa Citizen, March 30, 2011

"Democracy demands that the media simply relay Parties' positions without attempting to control the message. Excluding the leader of a party that garnered 1 out of every 15 votes in the 2008 federal election is just plain wrong"

-Cal Millar, President of Channel Zero.

"The decision by the broadcast consortium to exclude Green Party Leader Elizabeth May from the 2011 leaders' debate is mystifying...The broadcast consortium should first apologize to May and reverse its decision."

Vancouver Sun Editorial, 30 Mar 2011

"It's bad enough that the Greens got nearly a million votes last election yet got no seats. It's insane that they can't even get on TV. This is UTTERLY outrageous."

-Andrew Coyne, national editor of Maclean's magazine, via twitter.

" Let Elizabeth May in the debate. She's the vinegar that brightens up the vegetables."

Rick Mercer, via Twitter

"It is time for the people of this country to stand up and let the media and the politicians know that an election is a time for people's voices to be heard and Elizabeth May speaks for a lot of people in this country."

Judy Rebick, Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy at Ryerson University

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Engine performance

A mix of new and old can be found beneath the Touareg's freshly formed hood. A 280-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 (TSI) carries over as the base gasoline engine.

Still optional is a 225-horsepower 3.0-litre V6 turbo-diesel (TDI) that makes 406 pound-feet of torque.

The TDI is rated at 11.9 l/100 km in the city and 8.0 on the highway, compared with 12.3/8.8 l/100 km for the TSI.

Wider, shorter and lighter

The Touareg is now a bit wider, but shorter than before and has been stretched by about 3.8 centimetres between the front and rear wheels.

However, the greatest singular advancement is in the 160 kilograms that have been excised from the vehicle. Most of the seven-per-cent weight reduction comes from lightening the platform and powertrain as well as a number of key suspension components that are now constructed of aluminum.

4MOTION

All Touaregs come standard with VW's dual-range 4MOTION all-wheel-drive setup that in normal driving situations maintains a 40:60 front-to-rear torque bias. The system also features a locking centre differential that fixes the torque split to maximize traction over slippery terrain.

For 2011, Comfortline, Highline and Execline trim levels are offered. All feature a wealth of luxury content.

▶ The Touareg looks different, for sure, but just as important is that it weighs significantly less. Coupled to a new eight-speed automatic transmission, fuel economy is much improved.

Give this SUV some respect

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Rodney Dangerfield famously complained that he never received a scintilla of respect.

In terms of overall popularity, the Volkswagen Touareg has had the same issue with its 2004-model-year launch.

Perhaps it's the nearly unpronounceable name (Touareg, or Twah-regg, refers to a nomadic Sahara-dwelling tribe), its low-key styling or a price tag that outdistances many of its luxury competitors.

But it could also be that people shopping for vehicles in this bracket are reluctant to spend in excess of 50 large for a Volkswagen, regardless of how proficient it is at churning up the sod.

These folks can cross-shop VW's Audi offshoot for the five-passenger, V6-equipped Q5 sport ute that offers upscale brand name cachet for about the same price as a new Touareg.

Fortunately VW has managed to attract sufficient fans of the marque to invest in an updated second-generation wagon that wraps its rugged underpinnings in a more attractive package.

Now that the slimmed-down Touareg has also been made more attractive and less thirsty, Volkswagen can likely expect more look-sees and a less of the Rodney Dangerfield treatment.

▶ A look at the cargo space of the Touareg.

▶ There's really no such thing as a "base" Touareg since you get leather and a fancy touch screen in the centre stack.

By comparison

Volvo XC60 AWD
Base price: $46,200
Cool and comfy all-weather wagon that focuses on safety, agility.

Audi Q5 V6
Base price: $51,700
Touareg's second cousin with a luxurious cabin and Quattro four-wheel-drive.

Lincoln MKX AWD
Base price: $48,000
New-look 2011 model a techno-marvel inside plus plenty of interior space.

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Touareg

What you should know about the 2011 Volkswagen Touareg:

- **Types:** Four-door, four-wheel-drive sport utility vehicle.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (280); 3.0-litre DOHC V6, turbo-diesel (225).
- **Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** The Touareg slots into the mid-luxury group of sport utility vehicles that includes both genuine off-road-capable vehicles plus so-called soft-roaders that function well in poor weather and/or poor road conditions.

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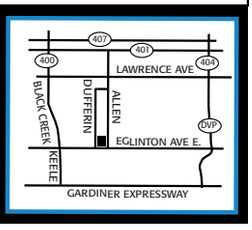

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▶ The fleet-only Chevrolet Captiva is part of a shrewd plan to help GM overcome supply issues with the hot-selling Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain crossovers.

EVERYONE LEARNS FROM THEIR MISTAKES, RIGHT?

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Humans learn from mistakes — it's part of our survival strategy. This is why disco only happened once, aided of course, by John Travolta's inability to squeeze back into his white pants.

The meltdown of the auto industry in 2008 wasn't entirely the industry's fault, but its subsequent reincarnation affords us an opportunity to see if it, too, has the ability to learn from past missteps.

It obviously had to downsize to meet lower "recession-style" demand, and in cases like Chrysler and GM, just to stay afloat.

But even with modest sales in 2009, lots of automakers turned nice profits. With lower operating costs they didn't have to sell so many units, and by not "over producing" they didn't have to sell those vehicles at "fire sale" prices. Not only is this a better profit model, it's better for the automaker's long-term brand image and health. Can they stick to this plan?

The telltale signs of oversupply are incentives — zero per cent financing, manufacturer rebates, employee pricing, bobblehead dolls for the first 1,000 customers. Automakers don't like incentives, but it's hard to look the other way, when you got product piling up and/or competitors eating your lunch. We're seeing more and more incentives creep back into the market, including many now based on fuel discounts.

Short-term fix or a slippery slope? We'll see. I think most automakers are just trying to adjust to the softer-than-expected rebound of the economy.

Many are sticking to their guns, however, about not "over producing." GM, for example, had a problem keeping up with Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain demand. Both are built at the company's plant in Ingersoll, Ont.

But instead of throwing big money at another plant, it addressed the situation with two shrewd moves — adding an Equinox/Terrain line at its Oshawa facility, and introducing the Chevy Captiva, a "fleet only" Mexican-built crossover based on the recently departed Saturn Vue.

Another automaker lesson learned since 2008, is don't alienate your suppliers. When automakers downsized, the supplier community suffered collateral damage. The automakers didn't shed too many tears over this, but now that they're in recovery mode and need more parts, the auto parts suppliers aren't too quick to shake hands and make nice.

And then there is the leasing lesson: Ford, GM and Chrysler and others stopped leasing vehicles even before 2008, as they failed to manage the risks of using low, monthly leasing payments to move vehicles off lots. To get low leasing rates, they had to artificially inflate the value of what the vehicle would be worth as a used vehicle at lease end.

The automakers' in-house leasing companies were often on the hook for these discrepancies, which was exacerbated by a big batch of identical cars entering the used market at the same time, further depressing values.

Ford, GM and Chrysler are, or will soon be, tipping their toes back into leasing, and we wonder how disciplined they will be this time around.

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Gas prices got you down?

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Getting stuck in traffic can push even the most mindful motorists beyond the normal bounds of safety and fuel economy.

Did you know that trying to make up time in traffic with frequent speed changes, quick starts, hard braking and other uneconomical driving habits can increase your fuel consumption by up to 25 per cent or around $500 a year in wasted fuel?

In tests, variations in speed caused a 20 per cent increase in fuel consumption in one test and 48 per cent in another, even though the average speed for all drivers remained at 80 km/h.

Drivers who maintain a steady speed save the most fuel — and money — by far.

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During city driving, where about half of the fuel you consume is used to accelerate your vehicle, you can conserve as much as 15 per cent by pressing the accelerator pedal gently and gradually.

Not only will you consume less fuel and save money, traffic flow will be smoother, your exhaust emissions will be lower and driving conditions will be safer.

Another thing that helps maintain a steady speed, of course, is using cruise control for highway driving where it is safe to do so.

However, on hilly terrain and where traffic conditions permit, you will consume less fuel by allowing your speed to drop slightly when you travel uphill and building your momentum again when you roll downhill.

Did you know that hard braking causes fuel use to go up? This happens when a driver keeps a foot on the accelerator — feeding fuel to the engine — then brakes at the last minute. It's more fuel efficient to drive smoothly by letting off the accelerator early and easing on the brakes.

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▶ If the sight of recent gas prices has given you heart palpitations, don't worry. You're not alone.

Think resistance

If you want to get the most mileage out of a tank of gas, consider investing in low rolling resistance tires.

Rolling resistance, is a measure of the force that it takes to move your tires forward on the road.

As you travel along, the weight of your vehicle "deforms" your tire tread where the rubber meets the road.

The resulting deformity generates heat between the tire and the road, which is then wasted in the form of heat as the tire rotates. The only way for your engine to make up for the lost energy is through consuming fuel.

The heavier your vehicle, the more energy it burns to compensate. Who knew?

If new tires are on the horizon, seriously think about low rolling resistance tires.

Some tire manufacturers are now boasting a 20 per cent reduction in rolling resistance through high-efficiency tires that reduce fuel consumption by about four per cent.

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▶ Low rolling resistance tires can improve your gas mileage.

Drive lean & clean

By adopting these driving behaviours, you can cut back on gas, save money, curb harmful emissions and improve safety on our roads.

1. **Be mindful:** If you have never driven with fuel efficiency in mind, now is the time to start. Make it a priority and watch your pennies pile up. You could save as much as $500 a year in fuel costs and cut your carbon dioxide emissions by over 1,000 kilograms.

2. **Recognize your driving style and modify it:** Are you aggressive, rushed, average or fuel-efficient? Aggressive drivers focus on speed, rushed drivers focus on saving time, average drivers react to changes in traffic whereas fuel-efficient drivers are always mindful of how their driving will affect their fuel consumption.

3. **Think before you drive:** Can you take public transit? One bus takes up to 40 cars off the road and saves as much as 70,000 litres of fuel.

4. **Avoid unnecessary idling:** Some Canadians spend about four per cent of their annual fuel consumption idling their vehicles. In fact, for every 10 minutes of idling, one third of a litre of fuel is wasted for an average vehicle. Turn off your engine when you are parked for more than 60 seconds, except in traffic.

5. **Maintain your vehicle:** Proper tire inflation, reducing extra weight, removing roof racks and following a maintenance schedule, all help to keep your fuel consumption in check. NEWS CANADA

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What’s the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2007 to 2010 Volvo C30
- **Vehicle Type:** Three-door hatch
- **Approximate used price range:** $16,000 to $26,000

The C30 is Volvo’s compact three-door hatch, which the Swedish automaker launched on Canadian shores for 2007 to battle the likes of the Audi A3, Mini Cooper, VW GTI, Mercedes B200 and others.

Available solely as a four-seat model with front-wheel drive, the C30 brought Volvo’s reputation for safety, uniqueness and refinement into the upscale hatch segment. In the used market, shoppers can consider one of two engines for their C30. Standard was a 2.4-litre inline five-cylinder backed by a five-speed manual or five-speed automatic. This particular C30 designation was named the “2.4i,” and it developed 168 horsepower.

The C30 “T5” got a turbocharged 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine, good for 218 horsepower and fitted with a six-speed manual. Newer models got a slightly-increased 227 horsepower. Available or standard feature content included a tilt and telescoping steering wheel, a sunroof, automatic climate control, Volvo’s unique waterfall console, antilock brakes, full power accessories, a driver computer, and an 8-speaker stereo with satellite radio.

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▶ 2007 Volvo C30

What Owners Like

Ride and handling are almost unanimously highly rated amongst C30 owners. Phrases like “fun to drive,” “exciting” and “sporty” were frequently used as descriptors. Shifter feel and a solid, nicely-trimmed cabin are also raved about. One owner in an online forum even called the C30 “the best car nobody’s ever heard of.”

What Owners Hate

Heavy doors, a long reach for the seatbelts and hefty fuel consumption with the turbo engine are the more typical owner complaints.

Some owners also wish for an extra set of doors for easier access to the rear seats.

Common Issues

The C30 isn’t a sales superstar — so the availability of consumer-reported reliability information from the usual sources is fairly sparse.

In checks of the usual online forums, things on the dependability front looked fairly solid.

Some digging revealed age-related complaints about broken floor-mat anchors, easily-chipped paint, a rattly rear window, and a trim-piece around the parking brake that often becomes loose. Nothing major.

Avoid any model with a manual transmission that exhibits grinding or slippage, which could indicate a problem with the clutch or gearbox.

The Verdict

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Mazda 'brand strategy' is all in the SKY

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Cars may be easy to operate, but they're incredibly complex machines. As automakers make them more fuel-efficient and reduce their emissions, they must consider that complexity and how to make changes that will affect the whole vehicle.

Mazda is addressing the challenge with SKYACTIV, a multi-faceted approach that includes engine, transmission and body structure technologies. Rather than focusing on a single vehicle, SKYACTIV is a long-term plan that will eventually benefit all of the company's models.

The first improvements will roll out on the 2012 Mazda3.

"It's our philosophy that we want our solution to benefit all Mazda customers, not just a sliver," says Robert Davis, Mazda's North American Operations Senior VP of R&D. "It's a brand strategy, not a model strategy."

The technologies include improved transmissions, lighter weight, lower-cost manufacturing, and engines that combine higher compression and direct gasoline injection to create the "perfect combustion moment" — getting maximum energy from the fuel with minimal waste.

It's still important to focus on internal combustion engines (ICE) that use gasoline or diesel, even as automakers work toward electric vehicles.

"In the marketplace where we compete, 99.99 percent (of vehicles) are sold with ICEs," Davis says. "Even today's hybrids all have ICEs. For us, the logical choice was to start there and work our way out. SKYACTIV allows us to do this with gasoline and diesel, so whether it's a Mazda2 or MX-5, it has the same environmental commitment, as opposed to a customer who has a hybrid and a pickup truck."

MAZDA CANADA

▶ The 2012 Mazda3 sedan (pictured) and hatchback will be the first to feature some of the new SKYACTIV program.

A major challenge with technology is keeping it affordable, especially with weight, where Mazda's goal is a net reduction of 100 kilograms over the previous model.

"Eighty per cent of the target is based on making it lighter and stronger, 12 per cent is based on changes to size, and 8 per cent is based on the use of lightweight materials," Davis says. "The bulk of the body structure changes are in design and not in materials. Remember, we sell cars in the mainstream. I would love to put carbon fibre roofs on our cars, but it's not appropriate for us; our customers can't afford that solution.

"We'll get to the point where we have to use lightweight materials in the future, but like the ICE, we have to sharpen our pencils in other places before we go there."

Manufacturing

- While not generally considered part of fuel efficiency, manufacturing plays a role.
- Optimal production techniques can reduce costs on fuel-efficient technologies that may otherwise be too expensive.
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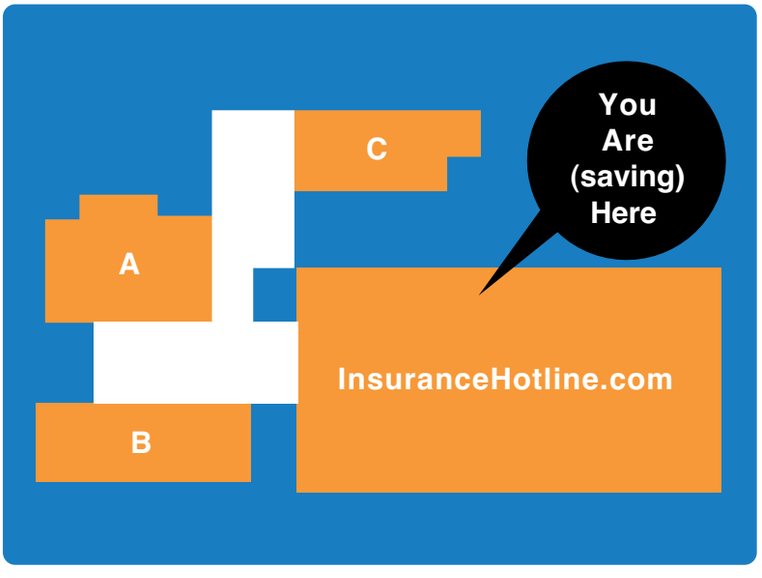

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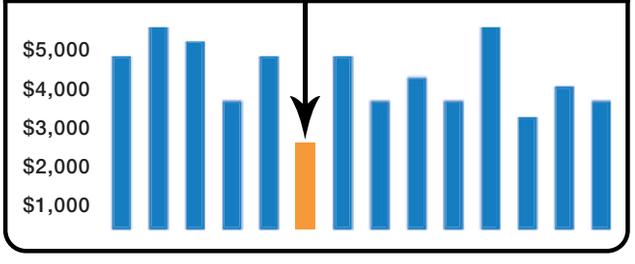

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Three decades of Audi's Quattro

What did it take for this German automaker to get some traction?

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▶ With deep roots in rally racing, you could draw a comparison between Audi and Subaru. A bit quirky and boxy, early Quattro cars earned respect in an honest way — through competition.

3.7M

To date, Audi has built more than 3.7 million cars equipped with Quattro.

Almost the very first thing Audi did while developing its Quattro permanent all-wheel drive system 31 years ago was to enter the 1981 World Rally Championship, which it went on to dominate for years.

Audi then went road- and circuit racing with Quattro-equipped cars, and cleaned house in those gladiatorial arenas as well.

Quattro's many subsequent motorsport successes since have shaped the image of the Audi brand in a more enduring fashion than any advertising campaign costing millions of dollars ever could.

Quattro drive has become a defining feature for the German manufacturer, not only in racing but also in its road cars, making them among the most sure-footed and fun-to-drive automobiles offered.

New technologies, from the classic manually locking centre differential to the latest evolutionary stage — the crown gear centre differential — have been introduced to the mechanical system over the past three decades.

Today, every vehicle that Audi builds offers Quattro, either as optional or standard equipment, depending on the model.

For 2011, Audi's global model lineup includes more than 120 Quattro applications.

Michael Dick, a member of Audi's board of management overseeing technical development, said a new "superposition" differential employs electronically controlled "torque vectoring" to achieve optimum traction and balance.

It sends 85 per cent of torque to the rear wheels under normal conditions, but can instantly direct up to 70 per cent to the front axle while varying the amount of power applied to each wheel based on how much grip it has.

Engineers aren't finished with perfecting the Quattro system yet, Dick says. "Numerous ideas" for the future include the electric Quattro, a hybrid concept in which the front axle is powered by a combustion engine and an electric motor while the rear axle is entirely electrically powered.

To mark Quattro's first 30 years, Audi devised the Fascination of Quattro event and hosted auto writers from around the globe in Canadian ski country to demonstrate the capabilities of the system as applied to a broad cross-section of its vehicles.

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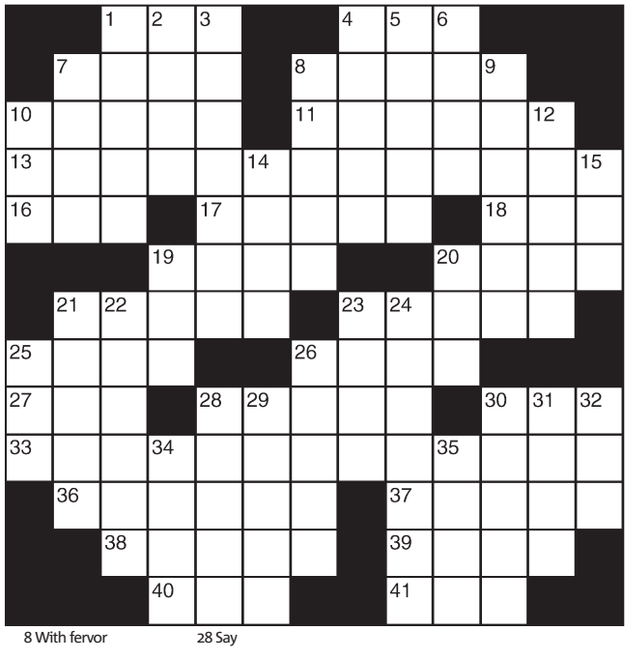

Across

1 Cage component
4 More, to Manuel
7 Actress Spelling
8 Island south of Sicily
10 November birthstone
11 Under the weather
13 Binary array
16 Marry
17 Poet James Whitcomb —
18 Pensioned (Abbr.)
19 Bohemian
20 Simple
21 Guys
23 Penniless
25 Coffee shop vessels
26 Satyrlike figure
27 Standard
28 Wrinkly fruits
30 Bando of baseball lore
33 Romantic whisperings
36 Computer style
37 Motorola smartphone
38 Considers
39 Springsteen's "— Fire"
40 Before
41 Chow down

Down

1 Lassoed
2 Alternatives to 401(k)s
3 More than just odd
4 Corn
5 Cats' bailiwick
6 Commotion
7 Color quality
8 With fervor
9 Parka
10 AAA job
12 Silliness symbols
14 Little lice
15 Pigpen
19 Commercials
20 A billion years
21 Elongate vowels, maybe
22 Illiterate
23 Worms, often
24 "The Satanic Verses" author
25 Boom times
26 Disasters
28 Say
29 Travelocity mascot
30 Beezer
31 Not "fer"
32 1960s hallucinogen
34 Duel tool
35 "My Friend —"

▶ Yesterday's answer

B	R	A	T	■	B	A	D	■	P	A	S	S
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S	T	I	N	K	■	R	E	S	T	A	R	T
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E	D	E	M	A	■	R	E	S	T	O	R	E
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A	L	T	O	■	G	N	U	■	C	A	N	S
S	I	A	M	■	E	K	E	■	S	L	O	T

Sudoku

9			6		8			4
	8		4		5		3	
		7				2		
		1	2		4	6		
6								1
		2	1		6	8		
		8				3		
	3		8		1		4	
2			7		9			5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	7	2	4	1	9	8	5	6
5	8	9	6	7	2	1	4	3
1	4	6	8	5	3	2	9	7
2	5	7	9	4	8	3	6	1
4	3	8	1	6	7	9	2	5
9	6	1	2	3	5	7	8	4
8	1	4	3	9	6	5	7	2
7	9	3	5	2	4	6	1	8
6	2	5	7	8	1	4	3	9

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Get it together. Create something amazing over the next day.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Others may worry about the future, but you know that what's to come isn't yet written.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It's always important to get your timing right, and now is the time to make your mark.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Force yourself to make an effort. The results will be surprising, and the rewards will be amazing.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Find new ways to explore your world. Do something exciting.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 While others take risks and look foolish, you weigh odds and make the right moves.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Sometimes, you have no choice but to follow someone who has a better proposal. It's that time.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It's not often that you act on impulse, but you'll do so today. It's all or nothing.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be creative and try something new. Aim high, then go higher.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If a friend offers you advice, you would be wise to pin back your ear lobes and listen.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The first idea that comes to mind is the one you must follow, no matter how strange.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you're brave enough to follow your gut, you might make a fortune. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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